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HERE in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the seconde day of Apryll, in the fyrst yeere of the raigne of our moste dread and gracious Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie, and there continued and kept tyll the dissolution of the same, being the fifth day of May then next folowynge, one Acte was made touching þ articles of her highnes most noble Mariage, in þ which Acte amongst other thynges it was enacted, ordred, & established by thauthoritie of the sayd parliament, that al & singuler gistes, grauntes, letters patentes, exchanges, confirmacions, leasses, & other writinges, which after the sayd mariage, and during the same, should passe and be made, of any benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and frutes, or of any of them, should be entituled and made in the names of our Soueraigne Lord the King, and of her most excellent highnes, whether her Maiestie should be present within the Realmes & Dominions of her highnes, or within any of them, or absent. And that þ same gistes, grauntes, letters patentes, exchanges, confirmacions, leasses, & other writinges, so set forth & made, should be sealed, and firmed with the signe manuel of her highnesse: and the same so signed, & sealed with the great seale of this Realme, or with such seale as hath ben accustomed, shoulde be by authoritie of the sayd Parliament, dermed, adiudged, declared, & pronounced, to be as good, perfect, and of like force, strength, and effect in the lawe, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, against our sayd Soueraigne Lord and Lady, the King & the Queenes Maiesties, and her highnes heires and successours, as if her Maiestie had ben at the tyme of the making thereof sole & unmarried: and that al gistes, grauntes, letters patentes, exchanges, confirmacions, leasses & other writinges, which after the sayd mariage, and during the tyme of the same, should passe and be made of the said benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, & frutes, or of any of them, wherunto the signe manuell of her highnes should not be set, made, or put, shalbe by authoritie of the sayd Parliament

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from tyme to tyme, deemed, adiudged, accepted, taken, and decreed, to be of no force ne effecte, but utterly frustrate and boyde in the law, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, the sayd mariage, or any law, usage, or custome to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding, as in the sayd acte more at large doth appeare.

Sithence the making of which statute, and the solemnization of the said mariage, & Queenes most excellent maiesty hath ben greatly molested, greued, & troubled with often signyng of letters patentes, gyftes, grauntes, exchaunges, leasses, & other wrytynges, concerning and touching benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and frutes, made and graunted by and from our sayd soueraigne lord the king and her highnes, to sundy of her most louing subiectes, to whom also it hath ben, and is, no small charge to attende, vntyll such tyme as they may procure and obtaine the signe manuel of her highnes, vnto their said letters patentes, gyftes, grauntes, exchaunges, confirmations, & leasses, wichout which signe the same are utterly boyd by force of the said statute, to the great daunger, losse, and bitter vndoyng of diuers persons, that haue lately bought, purchased, or obtained of our said soueraigne Lord & Lady the King & Queenes maiesties, diuers landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, to their great colles & charges.

For remedy whereof, be it enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd braunch or article touching or concerning only & signing of letters patentes, gyftes, graunts, exchanges, confirmations, leasses, or of other wrytings, for any lands, benefices, offices, reuenues, frutes, or other hereditamentes, shal be from henceforth clerely repelled and made frustrate & boyde, to al intentes & purposes.

And be it further enacted by authoritie of this present parliament, that all and singuler letters patentes, touchyng or concernyng any gyfte, graunt, exchaunge, confirmation, leasse, or other wrytyng, the which sithence the sayd mariage hath passed, and been made of any benefices, offices, manours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, frutes, liberties, or other hereditamentes, or of any of them, in the names of our most dread Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, the Kyng and the Queenes Maiesties (the warraunt or wryting, or warraunts or wrytynges wherof being signed with her highnes signe manuel, in such forme, order, and degree, as the same heretofore haue been accustomed to be signed, when her highnes was sole and unmarried) shalbe by authoritie of this present Parliament, of the same lyke force, strength, & effect in the law, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were or had been signed by her highnes signe manuell, and as if her maiestie had ben at the tyme of the making thereof sole and unmarried, and as they were before the making of the sayd Acte: The sayde estatute, or any braunch, or article therein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyle notwithstanding.

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An Acte for the reformation of excesse in apparell.

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BE it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person borne within this Realme, or the dominions of the same, other then the sonne and heyre apperaunt of a knight, or other then suche as may dispende. xx. li. by the yeere in landes, offices, fees, or other yerely reuenues for terme of life, or be woorth in goodes two. C. li. shall after the first day of Aprill next commynge, weare any maner of Silke, in, or vpon his hat, bonet, nightcap, gyrdle, scabbarde, hose, shooes, or spurre leathers, vpon paine of three monethes imprisonment, and forfayture of. x. li. for euery dayes wearyng, contrary to the tenor of this Acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that Iustices of Assises in theyr circuits, Iustices of peace in their sessions, Sheriffes in their turnes, Stewardes in leets and lawe dayes, Maiors, Sheriffes, and Bayliffes of Cities, Borowghes, & Townes corporate in their courtes, shall and may enquire, heare and determine from time to time, all and euery the sayd offences, committed or done within the limittes of their seuerall iurisdiccions and auctorities: and where any such forfaytures shal happen to be founde within the precincte of any Citie, Borowgh, Towne corporate, leete or lawe day, then the Maior, Sheriffe, & Bayliffes of the sayd Cities, Borowghes, and Townes, and owner of the sayd leete or law day, to haue the one moytie of the sayd forfaytures, and the other moitie to be to any subiecte of this Realme that wyl sue for the same, in any court of record, by action, information, byll, or otherwyle, in which no wager of law, protection, or essoigne shalbe allowed. And where such forfayture shalbe found out of any Citie, Borowgh, town, leete, or law day, that the moitie of al such forfaytures shalbe to the King & Quenes maiesties, and the heyres of the Queene, and thother moitie thereof to any of their subiectes that wyl sue for the same, by byll, playnt, action, information, or otherwyle, in any court of recorde as is aforesayde, in which no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne, shalbe admitted or allowed. And that at and euery such person and persons, as haue auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, to heare and determine the premisses, may vpon the conuiction of euery such offender, awarde proces vnto the Sheriffe of any Shire within this Realme, for the apprehension of the sayd offender, which being apprehended, shalbe committed by the Sheriffe vnto the gaole of the sayd Sheriffe, there to remayne without bayle or maynepryse, vntyll the sayde offendour hath payde the forfayture wherein he is so conuicted.

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And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, of what estate, condition, or degree soeuer he or they be, after the fyfth day of Apryll next commynge, knowynge any seruauant or seruantes of his or theyrs to offende contrary to this acte, do not put the same out of his or theyr seruice, but shal keepe in his or theyr seruice the same offendour or offendours by the space of. xiiii. dayes, next after such knowledge had, or els being so put out of his or their seruice, shal retayne the same offendour or offendours to his or their seruice againe, within one yeere next ensliuing the time committing of any such offence, the same person or persons, so keeping or retaiuing againe in or to his or their seruice, any such seruauant or seruantes, offendynge contrary to the tenor of this acte, as is aforesayde, shal for euery his or their offence forsayte. C. li. of lawfull money of Englande, the moitie whereof to be to the King and Queenes Maiesties vse, and the heyres & successours of the Queene, and the other moitie to hym that wyll sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action, byl, plaint, information, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection shalbe admitted or allowed.

Provided alway and be it enacted, that this act or any thing therein conteyned, shall not extende to any person beyng of or aboue the degree of a Knightes sonne or daughter, or beyng wyfe to any of them, nor to such as haue been, be, or shalbe Maioz, Bayliffe, Alderman, or head officer of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, or to the wyfe of any of them, nor to any of the Kinges or Queenes seruantes in ordinarie wages, attendaunt, and wearyng the Kinges or Queenes ordinarie lueries, but that they and euery of them, may vse and weare, as they or any of them myght lawfully vse and weare before the makynge of this acte.

Provided also, that no person shalbe compelled by this acte, to put away his prentice or hyred seruauant before the ende of the terme before agreed betweene them, nor that any master shal forsaite or lose any payne or forsayture for the keepynge of his prentice or hyred seruauant after his offence, contrary to this act, vnto the ende of the terme before agreed betweene them: any thyng abovesayd to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that women may weare in theyr Cappes, Hattes, Gyrdles, and Hoodes, as they or any of them might vse and weare lawfully before the makynge of this Acte.

¶ An Acte agaynst seditious woordes and rumours,

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Here it is contained as well in the Statute of weſtmeſter the firſt, as in ſ. Statute made at Gloceſter the ſecond yere of the raigne of King Richarde the ſeconde, that no man ſhould be ſo hardy to contriue, ſpeake, or tel any falſe newes, yee, or other ſuch like falſe thinges of Prelates, Biſhops, Earles, Barons, and other Nobles & Perſons of this Realme, or of the Chauncellour, Treafurer, Clarke of the pettie ſeale, Steward of the Kinges houſholde, Juſtices of the one bench or of the other, or of any of the great officers of this Realme, and that euery ſuch offendour ſhould be taken and impriſoned vntill ſuche tyme as he had brought hym or them ſooth which dyd ſpeake the ſame. And where alſo at a Parliament holden at Cambridge in the xii. yere of the raigne of the ſayd King Richarde, it was alſo enacted, that where any ſuch offendour, as is aforeſayd, ſhould be taken and impriſoned, and coulde not ſynde hym of whom he heard thoſe newes which he ſpoke, as is aforeſayd, then that the ſame ſpeaker ſhould be puniſhed by the aduiſe of the Counſell, as by the ſame actes amongſt other more playnely doth and may appeare.

Be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all and euery the ſayd former actes and ſtatutes, ſhalbe and remayne in their full force, ſtrength, and effect, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes. And further, that Juſtices of peace in euery Shyre, Citie, and Towne corporate, within the limittes of their ſeuerall commiſſions, ſhal by aucthoritie of this preſent act haue ful power to examine, heare, and determine the cauſes aforeſayde, in the ſayde two fyrſt actes ſpecified, and to put the ſayd two fyrſt ſtatutes, and euery braunche in them contained, in due execution, that from henceſoorth condigne puniſhment be not deferred from ſuch offenders.

And forasmuche as diuers and ſundry malicious and euill diſpoſed perſons, maliciously, ſeditiouſly, rebellionly, and vnnaturally, contrary to the duetie of theyr fidelities and allegiaunces, haue now of late not onely imagined, invented, practiſed, ſpoken, and ſpread abroad diuers and ſundry falſe, ſeditious, and ſlaunderous newes, rumours, ſayings, and tales, agaynſt our moſt dread Soueraigne Lorde and King, and agaynſt our moſt naturall Soueraigne Ladye and Queene, and agaynſt eyther of them, of whom we are forbidden to thynke euyl, and much more to ſpeake euyl: which offence ſoundeth and is alſo well to the great diſhonour, reproche, and ſlaunder of theyr moſt excellent Maieſties, as alſo to the great ſlaunder of this their Realme, & other their dominions: but alſo haue deuised, made, written, printed, publiſhed, and ſet ſooth diuers heynous, ſeditious, and ſlaunderous wrytinges, rymes, ballades, letters, papers, and bookes, intending and practiſing thereby to moue and ſtirre ſeditious diſcorde, diſcention, and rebellion, within this Realme, to the great

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peryll and daunger of the same. For aboyding whereof, be it enacted by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that yf any person or persons, after the .xx. day of februarye next ensuing, and after open proclamation made of this act, shall maliciously of his or theyr imagination, speake any false, seditious, and slanderous newes, rumours, sayings, or tales of our sayd Soueraigne Lord & King, or of our sayd most naturall Soueraigne Lady and Queene, that then all and euery such person and persons so offending, being thereof convicted or attainted, in forme hereafter in this acte expessed, shall for euery syst offence, in some market place within the Shyre, Citie, or Borough, where or neere vnto the place where the sayd wordes were or shalbe so spoken, be set openly vpon the pillorie, by the Sheriffe or his ministers, if it shal fortune to be without any Citie or Towne corporate. And if it happen to be within such Citie or Towne corporate, then by the principall officer or officers of such Citie or Towne corporate, or his or theyr ministers, and there to haue both his eares cut of, vnlesse he pay one hundredth poundes to the King and Queenes highnesse, within one moneth next after iudgement geuen of his sayd offence, & also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of three monethes after such his or theyr execution.

And it is lyke wyse enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, which after the sayde day, and after proclamation made of this acte, shall maliciously speake any false, seditious, and slaunde rous newes, rumour, or tales, to the slaunde and reproche of our sayde Soueraigne Lorde the King, or of our sayde most naturall Soueraigne Lady the Queene, of the speaking or reportyng of any other, that then all and euery suche person or persons so speaking and reportyng, beyng thereof convict or attainted, in forme hereafter in this acte expessed, shall for euery such offence in some market place, within the Shyre, Citie, Borough, or Towne, where, or neere vnto the place where the sayd wordes were or shalbe so spoken & reported, be set openly vpon the pillorie by the Sheriffe or his ministers, yf it shal fortune to be without any Citie, or Towne corporate: and yf it shall happen to be within any Citie or Towne corporate, then by the principall officer or officers of suche Citie or Towne corporate, or his or their ministers, and there to haue one of his eares cut of, vnlesse he pay one .C. markes to the King & Queenes highnesse, within one moneth next after iudgement geuen of his sayd offence, and also shal suffer imprisonment by the space of one moneth after his or theyr execution.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons shall after the sayde day, and after proclamation made as is aforesayd, maliciously deuise, write, print, or set forth any manner of booke, ryme, ballade, letter, or wrytyng, conteynyng any false

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false matter, clause or sentence of slander, or reproch, and dishonour of the King & Queenes maiesties, or of eyther of them, or to the encouraging, stirring, or moving of any insurrection or rebellion within this Realme, or any dominions belonging to the same. Or whosoever shall maliciously procure any such booke, ryme, ballade, letter, or writing, written, printed, or set forth (and the sayd offence not being punishable by the Statute made in the. xvi. yeere of the reigne of King Edward the thirde, concerning treasons, or declaration of treason) that then & in every such case, the offender & offenders therein, after his or theyr conviction or attaynder, shall for his or theyr first offence, in some market place within the shyre, citie, or borough, where the said offence is or shalbe committed or done, by the Sheriffe or his ministers, if it shall fortune to be without any citie or towne corporate, and if within such citie or towne corporate, then by the principall officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or by his or theyr ministers, haue his or theyr ryght hande stricken of.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons, being once lawfully convicted of any of thoffences aforesayd, now provided to be punished by the execution of losles of eare, eares, or hande, as is aforesayd, do afterwarde eschew the offence in any of the offences aforesayd, that then he or they so offending, shall suffer imprisonment duering his or their lyues, without bayle or mainepryse, and forfayte and lose to the King & Queenes Maiesties all his or theyr goodes and cattels.

And be it also enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that al Justices of oyer and determiner, within the limits of their commission, Justices of assise in their severall circuites, Justices of gaole deliuey, and Justices of peace, as well within the liberties as without, within the limits of theyr severall commissions, in theyr severall sessions, or other sessions, which they, or two of them, whereof one of them to be of the Quorum, may and shall appoynt at theyr pleasure, where and when nede shall require, and shall by vertue hereof, haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire, heare, and determine, al & every thoffences aforesayd, as in cases and trial of felonie. And that the party indicted and arraigned, shall haue aduantage of al maner of challenges to the Jurye (peremptory challenge onely except) as in tryal of felonie.

And also that every Justice of peace within the limits of his commission, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to commit any person, being vehemently suspected of any of the said offences, to ward, there to remayne without bayle or mainepryse, vntyll he shalbe deliuered accordyng to this Acte.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that no maner of person or persons shalbe molested, or impeached for any of the offences, concerning speaking or reporting as is aforesayd, vnlesse

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unless he or they be thereof accused and convicted within three monethes next after his or theyr offence so committed or done.

And in case any person shalbe imprisoned for any of the sayd offences concernynge speakynge or reportynge, and not thereof convicted within three monethes next after the offence supposed to be by hym done and committed, that then the person so imprisoned, shalbe set at libertie, and no longer deteyned in prison.

Provided also, & be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that every such Mayor, Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officer and officers, of cities, borowes, & towne corporate, which haue, or hereafter shall haue iurisdiction and aucthoritie, within the severall limits of theyr office and offices, to holde & keepe Sessions, as Justice or Justices of the peace, shall and may by aucthoritie hereof, as well arrest & commit to warde, al and every person and persons being vehemently suspected of any of the offences aforesayd: as also to proceede to the execution, hearyng and determining of every of the sayde offences, and to see, and make due execution thereof, accordynge to the purport, meaning, and effect of this present acte: any thing in the same acte heretofore made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that the sayd Justice of peace, as well within liberties as without, the which shall, for any the offences aforesayde, commit any person or persons to warde, as is aforesayd, shall within ten dayes next after such committing, with one other Justice, whereof one of them to be of the Quorum, direct theyr precept to the Sheriffe or Sheriffes of the countie where thoffence shalbe committed, or to other ordinarie officer, yf it be within any citie or towne corporate, where the Sheriffe can not intromit: commaundynge hym or them by the same impanell, and retourne, as they shal assigne. xiiii. good and lawful men of his or theyr bayliwike, or bayliwikes, to enquire of the sayd offence or offences, the which any such person or persons shalbe so imprisoned for: And therupon, within one moneth after the date of the sayd precept, to proceede and determine, as aboue is expessed: every one of the same Justices, upon payne of. x. li. to be payde to the King and Queenes hyghnesse, as often as they shalbe founden in default of any of the same.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that this acte shalbe proclaymed in al the Shires within this Realme, before the. xii. day of februarye next commynge, to thintent that al persons may haue notice thereof, and avoyde the peryl and daunger that myght ensue by offendynge agaynst the same. And this acte to be only in force, vntyll the ende of the next Parliament, and no longer.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that none of the peares of this Realme, shalbe arrested or imprisoned for any of the sayd offences, but onely by order or commaundement
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geuen from the King and Queenes priue counsaile, or of the heyres of the Queene, and that the sayd peeres, and euery of them, that shal hereafter fortune to be indicted of any thoffences aforesayde, shall be tryed by theyr peeres, as befo:e hath ben accustomed in cases of treason or felony.

¶ An Acte for the punishment of certaine persons, callyng them selues Egyptians.
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Where in a Parliament holden at westminster in the .xxii. yeere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lord King Henry the eighth (for the auoyding and banishing out of this Realme of certaine outlandish people calling them selues Egyptians, blyng no craft nor feate of merchaundizes for to liue by, but going from place to place in great companies, blyng great, suttie, and craftie meanes to disceiue the kynges Subiectes, bearyng them in hand, that they by palmistry coulde tel mens and womens fortunes: and so many times by craft and subtiltie disceiue the people of their money, and commit diuers great and heynous follonys and robberies, to the great hurt and disceipt of the people:) It was amongst other thinges then enacted, that from the tyme of the makynge of the sayde Acte, no suche performes shoulde be suffered to come within this the kynges Realme, vpon payne of forsayture to the kyng all their goodes and cattels, and them to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within .xv. dayes next after the commaundement, vpon paine of imprisonment: And such persons calling them selues Egyptians, as then were within this Realme, shoulde depart within .xvi. dayes next after proclamation of the sayd Acte, vpon payne of imprisonment and forsayture of all theyr goodes and cattels, with diuers other clauses and articles conteyned in the sayd Act, as by the sayd Act moze at large it appeareth. Forasmuch as diuers of the sayd company, & such other lyke persons, not fearing the penaltie of the sayd Statute, haue enterprised to come ouer agayne into this Realme, blyng their olde accustomed dyuelish and naughty practises and deuises, with such abominable liuing as is not in any Christian Realme to be permitted, named, or knowen, and be not duely punished for the same, to the peryllous and euyl example of our Soueraigne Lord and Lady the King and the Queenes Maiesties most louyng Subiectes, and to the better and extream vndoing of diuers and many of them, as evidently doth appeare.

For reformation whereof be it ordeyned and enacted by the King and Queene our Soueraigne Lord and Lady, the Lordes spirituall and tempozal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by aucthoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, after the
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last day of Januarie next commyng, do wyllyngly transporte, bring, & conuey into this Realme of Englande or Wales, any such persons, calling them selues, or commonly called Egyptians: that then he or they so transportyng, brynging, or conueying in any such persons, contrary to the true meanyng of this Acte, shall forsayte and lose for euery tyme so offendyng, xl. poundes of lawfull money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any of the sayd persons called Egyptians, which shalbe transported and conueyed into this Realme of England or Wales, as is aforesayd, do continue and remayne within the same by the space of one moneth: that then he or they so offendyng, shall by vertue of this Acte be deemed and iudged a felon and felons, and shall herefore suffer paynes of death, losse of landes and goodes, as in cases of felonie by the order of the common lawe of this Realme, and shall vpon the tryall of them, or any of them therein so tried, in the countie, and by thynhabitantes of the countie or place where they or he shalbe apprehended or taken, and not Per medietatem linguæ, and shall lose the benefite and priuiledge of sanctuarie and clergie.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf the Egyptians, or other persons commonly calling them selues Egyptians, and euery of them, now being within this Realme of England or Wales, do not depart out of the same within. xx. dayes next after proclamation of this present Acte shall be made: that then he or they which shall not depart within the sayd tyme, accordyng to the true meanyng of this Acte, shall forsayte and lose all his and their goodes and catels: and that then it shalbe lawfull to al and euery the hinges and the Queenes subiectes to lease the same: the one moitie thereof to be to the vse of our Soueraigne Lord and Lady the King and the Queene, and the other moitie thereof to be to the vse of hym or them that shall so lease the same.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if the Egyptians, and other persons commonly called Egyptians, and euery of them, now beyng within this Realme of England or Wales, do not depart out and from the same, within. xl. dayes next after the proclamation shalbe made of this Acte, that then he or they which shall not depart and auoyde within the sayd tyme of. xl. dayes, according to the true meanyng of this act, shalbe iudged and deemed according to the lawes of this Realme of England a felon and felons, and shal suffer therefore paynes of death, losse of landes and goodes, as in other cases of felonie, as shalbe tryed as is aforesayd, and without hauyng any benefite or priuiledge of sanctuarie and clergie.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any person after the fyrst day of Januarie next commyng, shal sue for the obteynyng of any licence, letter, or passport, for any of the sayde persons

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sons called Egyptians, to abyde or continue within this Realme of England or Wales, contrary to the tenor of this acte, that then every such person so suing, shal forfeite and lose for the same .xl. poundes, of lawfull money of England: and that every suche licence, letter, and pasporte, shalbe by vertue of this acte voyde, to all intentes and purposes: the one moytie of al whiche summes of money to be forfeited as is aforesayde, shalbe to the Kyng and Queene our Soueraigne Lorde and Ladie, and the other moytie thereof to be to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, in any court of recorde, by action of debt, by l. playnt, or information, wherein no essoigne, wager of lawe, nor protection, shalbe admitted and allowed.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that this present acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende nor be hurtful to any of the sayde persons commonly called Egyptians, whiche within the sayde tearme of twentie dayes next after the sayde proclamation to be made, as is before sayde, shall leave that noughtie, idle, and vngodly lyfe and company, and be placed in the service of some honest and hable inhabitant or inhabitantes, within this realme, or that shall honestly exercise hymselfe in some lawfull worke or occupation: but that he or they so continuing in service, or other lawfull worke or occupation, shal (duryng suche tyme as he or they shal so continue) be discharged of al paines and forfeitures conteyned in this acte.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that this acte shal not in any wyse extende to any chyld or chyldren, being not aboue the age of thirteene yeeres, nor to any of the sayde persons beyng now in pryson, so that he or they so beyng in pryson, doo departe out of this realme within fourteene dayes next after his or their delivrie out of pryson, nor shal extende to charge any maner of person or persons, as accessary to any offence or offences, conteyned or specified in this estatute.

An acte to restrayne carying of Corne, victualles, and wood, ouer the sea.

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Here as sundrye good estatutes and lawes hath been made within this realme in the tyme of the queenes highnesse most noble progenitours, that none should transport, cary, or conuey out of this realme, into any place in the parties beyond þe seas, any corne, butter, cheese, or other victual (except only for the vittualling of the Townes of Callis, Hammes, & Gylmes, & the marches of the same)

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same) upon dyuers great paynes and forfeitures in the same contained, that notwithstanding many and sundry covetous and insatiable persons, seeking their only lucre and gaines, hath and dayly doth carry & convey innumerable quantitie, as wel of corne, cheese, butter, and other victual, as of wood, out of this realme, into the parties beyond the seas: by reason whereof, the sayd corne, victual, and wood, are growen into a wonderful dearth, and extreame prices, to the great detriment of the common wealth of this your hyghnesse realme, and your faithfull subiectes of the same.

For remedie whereof, it may please your hyghnesse that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your hyghnesse, by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, after the .xx. day of January next coming, shal carry & transport out of this realme by any Shyp, Crayer, or other vessel whatsoever, into any place in the parties beyond the seas, or into the realme of Scotland, any wheat, rye, barlie, or other corne, or grayne, growyng within this realme, or any mault made within the same, or any beere, butter, cheese, herryng, or wood, except onley to and for the victualling and furniture of the townes of Callis, Hammes, & Gussnes, and to the towne of Barwiche, & the marches of the same, without sufficient and lawfull auctoritie so to do, upon the paynes & penalties hereafter ensuing: that is to say, the owner and owners of the sayde Shyppes & other vessels, to forfeite the sayde Shypps, Crayers and other vessels, with all their apparels to them, and euery of them belongyng, wherein the sayde corne, butter, cheese, herryng, victual, or wood, shalbe so transported and carryed, and the owners and owner of the sayde corne, butter, cheese, herryng, & wood, to forfeite the double value of the same so carryed and conveyed, and the maister and mariners of euery of the sayd Shyppes, Crayers, and vessels, for euery such offence, to forfeite all their goodes, and to be imprisoned by the space of one whole yere, without bayle or maynepryse.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons, after the sayde .xx. day of January, doo carry and convey away by Boate, Crayer, or other vessel, or otherwyle, anye wheate, rye, barlie, mault, or other corne, or grayne, or any beere, butter, cheese, herryng, or wood, to any Shyppe, or vessel beyng on the seas, or within any Haven, Creke, or other place of the border of this realme, to be transported, carried, and conveyed into any place in the parties beyond the seas, or into the Realme of Scotlande, without sufficient auctoritie so to do: that then euery owner of the sayde victuals, corne, and other thynges abovesayde, so transported or carried, and the owner & owners of euery such Boate or vessel, & the Boate-men and Mariners of the same, shall loose, forfeite, and suffer all
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such forfeitures, paynes, and penalties, as is aboue rehearsed, thone moytie of al and euery whiche forfeiture or forfeitures, to be to the Kyng and Queenes hyghnesse, theyr heires and successours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, by byll, information, action of debt, or other wyse, in any of the Kyng & Queenes hyghnesse courtes of recorde, in which action, byll, or suite, the defendant shal not wage his lawe, nor haue any esloigne or protection to hym allowed.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shal obteyne of the king & queenes Maiesties, their heires or successours, or any of them, any licence, to carrie and transporte any corne, victual, or wood, into any parties beyonde the seas, that if he or they, to whom any such licence shalbe graunted, or any other, to whom suche person or persons, hauing suche licence, shal geue, graunt, or sel his or theyr sayde licence vnto, shal carry, or conuey, or cause to be carryed, or conueied, any more corne, victual, or wood, then shalbe coneyned in his or theyr sayde licence, shal forfeite the treble value of the sayde corne, victual, or wood, so carryed and transported, without sufficient auctoritie, and shal suffer imprisonment for one whole yere in the common goale, where he shalbe apprehended, there to remaine without any bayle or mainpemie.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no manner of person or persons, after the sayde twentieth day of Januarie, that shal obteyne, or haue any suche licence for transporting and carrying any corne, victual, or wood, into any parties beyonde the seas, shal hypp, lade, and fraught the same, or any part thereof, at sundrye places within this realme, but at one place certayne, vpon payne of forfeiture of the sayde corne, victual, and wood, and all his goodes and cattelles: the one moytie therof to the Kyng and Queenes Maiesties, their heires and successours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same by action of debt, byll, playnt, information, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, esloigne, or protection, shalbe to hym or them allowed.

And for the better execution of this act, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al and singular Iustices of peace, as wel within the liberties, as without, within their seuerall auctorities and commissions, at any tyme within three yeres next after suche offences committed, shal haue full power and auctoritie to enquire, as wel by the othes of twelue lawfull men, as also to heare & examine the master, maisters, and mariners of the sayde shippes, crayers, and other vessels. And al and euery other person, and persons, of all and singular the offenders agaynst this present acte, and to heare and determine the same offences, as they may and ought to heare and determine any other trespasses or offences.

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It is provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that at al tyme & tymes hereafter, when the common pryce of corne within this realme is, that wheate shal not excede the pryce of. vi. s. viii. d. the quarter, and rye. iiii. s. the quarter, and barlie. iii. s. the quarter, it shal be lawfull to every person and persons. to carrie and transport ouer the sea, to any place beyond the seas, at their pleasure, of the sayde kindes of corne, so that it be not to the hyng and queenes enemies.

It is provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shal extende to any person or persons. for the necessary victualling of any shipp, shippes, or other vesselles, but that they, and every of them, may victuall the sayd shippes & vesselles, as they myght haue done before the making of this present acte: this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

It is provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not be prejudicial or hurtful vnto the lorde great Admiral of Englande, for the tyme being, or to the hyng and queenes maiesties iurisdiction of the Admirallie, but that the sayd lorde Admiral, or his deputie or deputies, may, and shall exercise, vse, and execute al kynde of iurisdiction, belonging to the sea, accordyng to his or their commissions, as they myght lawfully haue done heretofore: this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte for the reuiving of three Estatutes, made for the punishment of heresies.

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Of the escheewing and auoyding of errors & heresies, which of late haue rysen, growen, & muche increased within this realme; for that the Ordinaries haue wanted auctoritie to proceed against those that were infected therewith: be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the statute made in the fyfth yere of the raigne of hyng Richard the seconde, concerning the arrestyng and apprehension of erroneous and hereticall preachers, and one other statute made in the seconde yere of the raigne of hyng Henry the fourth, concerning repressyng of heresies, and punishment of heretikes, and also one other statute made in the seconde yere of the raigne of hyng Henry the fyfth, concerning the suppression of heresie and lolarde, and every article, blaunche, and sentence, conteyned in the same three severall

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actes, and euery of them, shal from the twentieth day of January next comming, be reuiued, and be in ful force, strength, and effect, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, for euer.

The tenor of the acte, made in the fyfth yeere of Kyng Richard, is as foloweth, Cap.v.



Tem, for as much as it is openly knowen, that there be diuers euil persons with in the realme, going from countie to countie, and from towne to towne, in certayne habites, vnder dissimulation of great holinesse, and without the licence of the Ordinaries of the places, or other sufficient auctoritie, preaching dayly not onely in Churches & Churchyardes, but also in marketes, layes, and other open places, where a congregation of people is, diuers sermons, conteynnyng heresies & notorious errors, to the great enbleaming of the Christian sayth, and destruction of the lawes, & of the estate of holy Church, to the great pericle of the soules of the people, and of al the realme of Englande, as more playnely is founde, & sufficiently procued before the reuerende father in God the Archbyschop of Canterbury, & the Byschops and other Prelates, masters of diuinitie, and doctors of canon and of ciuill, & a great part of the Cleergie of the sayde realme, specially assembled for this cause, which persons doo also preach diuers matters of admindor, to ingender discorde and dissention bet wyth diuers estates of the sayd realme, as wyl spiritual as temporal, in exorting of the people, to the great peryl of the realme, which preachers cited, or summoned before the ordinaries of the places, there to answer of that wherof they be thus preached, wyl not obey to their summons and commaundementes, nor care not for their monitions nor censures of the holy Church, but expressly despise them: And moreover, by their subtil ingenious words, do drawe the people to heare the sermons, & do mainteyne them in their errors by strong hand, and by great routes: It is ordeyned and assented in this present parliament, that the kyngs commissions be made and directed to the Sheriffes and other ministers of our soueraigne lord the kyng, or other sufficient persons learned, and accordyng to the certifications of the prelates therof, to be made in the chancery from tyme to tyme, to arrest al suche preachers, and also their fauours, maynteyners, & abettours, and to hold them in arrest and strong pylson, tyl they wyl satisfie them accordyng to the lawe and reason of holy Church. And the kyng wylleth & commaundeth, that the Chauncelour make such commissions at al tymes that he by the prelates, or any of them, shal be certified, and thereof requyred, as is aforesayde.

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The tenor of the seconde acte, made in the seconde yeere
of Kyng Henry the fourth, as foloweth. Cap. xv.



Item, wheras it is shewed to our soueraigne lord the
kyng, on the behalfe of the Prelates and Cleargie of
this realme of England, in this present Parliament,
that although the Catholique sayth, buylded vppon
Christe, and by his Apostles, and the holy Church suf-
ficiently determined, declared, and approued, hath ben
hitherto to be good & holy, and most noble progenitours of our soue-
raigne lord the king, in the said realme, amongst al the realmes of the
world, most deuoutly obserued, & the Church of England, by his saide
most noble progenitors, & atuncetors, to the honour of God, and the
whole realme aforesayd, lawdably endowed, & in her rytes and liber-
ties susteyned, without that the same sayth, or the sayde Church was
hurt, or greuously opprest, or els perturbed by any peruerse doc-
trine, or wyched heretical or erroneous opinions: yet neuerthelesse, di-
uers false & peruerse people, of a certayne newe sect of the sayth of the
sacramentes of the Church, & the aucthoritie of the same, damnably
thinking, & against the lawe of God, and of the Church, vsurping the
office of preachyng, do peruersly & maliciously, in diuers places with-
in the sayd realme, vnder the colour of dissimuled holynesse, preach, &
teach these dayes, openly & pryncially diuers newe doctrines, & wyched
heretical and erroneous opinions, contrary to the same sayth, & bles-
sed determinations of the holy Church: And of such sect and wyched
doctrine & opinions, they make vnlawful conuenticles and confede-
racies, they holde and exercise scooles, they make and wypte bookes,
they do wychedly instruct & enfourme people, and as muche as they
may, erite and styre them to sedition and insurrection, and maketh
great stryfe & diuision among the people, & other enormities, horrible
to be heard, dayly do perpetrate & commit in subuersion of the sayde
catholike faith & doctrine of the holy church, in diminution of Gods
honour, & also in destruction of the estate, rites, & liberties of the sayd
Church of England, by which sect, & wyched and false preachynges,
doctrines, and opinions of the sayde false peruerse people, not onely
mooste greatest perill of the soules, but also many more other hurtis,
flaunders, and perils (whiche God prohibite) myght come to this re-
alme, vnles it be the moze plentifully & speedily holpen by the kynges
maiestie in this behalfe: namely, wheras the diocesans of the sayde
realme, can not by their iurisdiction spiritual, without aid of the said
royal maiestie, sufficiently correct the sayd false & peruerse people, nor
refraigne their malice, because the sayd false and peruerse people, do go
from dioces to dioces, and wyl not appeare before the sayd diocesans,
but the same diocesans, and their iurisdiction spirituall, and the
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heres of the Church; with the censures of the same, doe utterly con-
 temne and despise; and so their wyched preachynges and doctrines
 doth from day to day continue and exercise; to the hatred of ryght
 and reason, and vnter destruction of order & good rule. Upon which
 nowelties and excesses aboue rehearsed, the Prelates and Cleergie
 aforesaid, & also the commons of the sayde realme, beyng in the same
 parliament, praying our soueraigne lord the kyng, that his royall
 highnes would vouchsafe in the seid parliament, to prouide a conue-
 nient remedie: the same our soueraigne lord the king, graciously con-
 sydering the premises, and also the laudable steppes of his sayd most
 noble progenitors and auncetors, for the conseruation of the sayd ca-
 tholike fayth, and sustentation of Gods honor, and also the safegarde
 of the estate, rites, and liberties of the said Church of England, to the
 laude of God, and merite of our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng, and
 prosperitie and honour of al his sayd realme; & for the eschewyn g of
 suche dissentions, diuisions, hurtes, slanders, and perils in tyme to
 come: and that this wyched sect preachynges, doctrines, & opinions,
 shoulde from hencefoorth cease and be utterly destroyed by the assent
 of the states, and other discreete men of the realme, beyng in the sayd
 parliament, hath graunted, stablished, & ordeyned from hencefoorth,
 fymely to be obserued, that none within the sayde Realme, or anye
 other dominions, subiectes to his royal Maiesie, presume to preach
 openly or pryuely, without the licence of the diocesan of the same place
 first requyred and obteyned; Curates in their owne Churches, and
 persons hitherto prouided, and other of the canon law graunted,
 onely except. Nor that none from hencefoorth any thing preach, hold,
 teach, or instruct, openly or pryuely, or make or wyte any booke con-
 trary to the catholike fayth; or determination of the holy Church;
 nor of suche sect and wyched doctrines and opinions, shall make any
 conuenticles, or in any wyse holde or exercise scooles. And also that
 none from hencefoorth in any wyse fauour suche preacher, or maker
 of any suche and lyke conuenticles, or holdyng or exercysyng scooles,
 or making or wytyng suche bookes, or so teaching, informyng, or ex-
 citing the people, nor any of them mainteine, or in any wyse susteine.
 And that al and synghuler hauing suche bookes, or any wytynges of
 suche wyched doctrine and opinions, shal really with effect deliuer, or
 cause to be deliuered al such bookes & wytyngs to the diocesan of the
 same place, within .xl. dayes from the tyme of the proclamation of
 this ordinaunce & statute. And if any person or persons, of whatsoeuer
 kind, estate, or condition that he or they be, from hencefoorth do, or at-
 tempt against the royal ordinaunce & statute aforesaid, in any of the
 premises, or in any of them: or such bookes in any fourme aforesaid do not deliuer,
 then the diocesan of the same place in his dioces, such person or per-
 sons in this behalfe defamed, or evidently suspected, & euery of them,
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may by the auctoritie of the sayd Ordinarie and statute, cause to be arrested, and vnder safe custodie in his prysyn to be deteyned, vntyl he or they, of the articles laid to hym or them in this behalfe, do canonically purge him or them selfe, or els suche wyched sect, preachyngs, doctrynes, and heretical and erronious opynions; doo abiure accordyng as the lawes of the Church doth requyre, so that the diocesan by hym selfe, or his commissaries, doo openly and iudicially procede agaynst such persons so arrested, and remainyng vnder his safe custodie, to al effect of the law, and determine that same busines, according to the canonically decrees, within three monethes after the sayde arrest: any lawfull impediment ceasynge. And yf any person in any case aboue expessed, be before the diocesan of that place, or his commissaries, canonically conuict, then the same diocesan may do to be kept in his prysyn the same person so conuict, for the maner of his defaulte, & after the qualitie of the offence, accordyng and as long as to his discretion shal seme expedient: and mozeouer to put the same person to the secular court, except in cases where he accordyng to the canonical decree ought to be left, to pay to our soueraigne Lord the Kyng, his pecunier fyne, accordyng as the same fyne shal seme competent to the diocesan, for the maner and qualitie of the offence: in which case the same diocesan shalbe bounde to certifie the Kyng of the same fyne in his exchequer, by his letter patents, sealed with his seale, to the effect that suche fynes by the kyngs auctoritie, may be required and leuied to his vse, of the goodes of the same person so conuict. And yf any person within the sayd realmes and dominions, vpon the sayde wyched preachynges, doctrynes, opynions, scooles, and heretical and erronious informations, or any of them, be before the diocesan of the same place, or his commissaries, sentencially conuict, & the same wyched sect, preachynges, doctrynes, & opynions, scooles, & informations, do refuse duely to abiure, or by the diocesan of the same place, or his commissaries, after the abjuracion made, by the same person pronounced, fall into relapse, so that accordyng to the holy canons, he ought to be left to the secular court, wherupon credence shalbe geuen to the diocesan of the same place, or to the commissaries in this behalfe: then the Sheriffe of the countie of the same place, & Maior, and Sheriffe, or Sheriffe & Maior and Baylyffes of the citie, towne, and borough of the same countie next to the same diocesan, or the said commissaries, shal be personally present in preferrynge of suche sentences, when they by the same diocesan, or by his commissaries, shalbe requyred: And they the same persons, & euery of them, after such sentences promulgate, shal receyue, and them before the people in an hygh place doo to be brent, that suche punishment may stryke in feare to the myndes of other, whereby no such wyched doctrine and heretical and erronious opynions, nor their abettours and sautours in the said realme & dominions,

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minions agaynst the catholyke fayth, christian law, & determination of the holy Church (which God prohibite) be susteyned, or in any wise suffered, in which all & singuler the premisses, concerning the sayd ordinance and statute, the Sheriffes, Maiors, & Bayliffes of the sayd Counties, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, shalbe tending, ayding, and supporting to the sayd diocesans, and their commissaries.

¶ The tenor of the thirde acte, made in the second yeere of King Henrie the fyfth, is as foloweth. Chap. vij.

Tem, for as muche as great rumors, congregations, and insurrections here in the Realme of Englande, by dyuers of kynges leige people, aswel by them which were of the sect of heresies, commonly called lollardie, as by other of their confederacie, excitation, and abetment, now of late were made, to thintent to admyl, destroy, & subuert the christian fayth, and the law of God & holy Church within this same Realme of Englande: and also to destroy the same our soueraigne lord the King, and all other maner of estates of the same Realme of England, aswell spirituall as temporall, and also all maner of policie, & finally the lawes of the land: The same our soueraigne lord the King, to the honour of God, and in conseruation and fortification of the christian fayth, and also in saluatiō of his royaletate, & of the state of al his Realme, wyl- ling agaynst the malice of such heretikes & lollards, to prouide a more open remedy & punishment then hath been had and bled in the case heretofore, so that for feare of the same lawes and punishment, suche heresies and lollardies may the rather cease in tyme to come, by the aduise and assent aforesayd, at the prayer of the sayde commons hath ordeyned & established, that first the Chaunceler, Treasurer, Justices of thome benche & of thother, Justices of peace, Sheriffes, Maiors, & Bayliffes, of cities & towne, & al other officers hauing gouernance of people, which now be, or hereafter for the tyme shalbe, shall make an othe in taking of their charges & occupations, to put their whole power and diligence, to put out, & doo to be put out, cease, and destroy all maner of heresies and errors, commonly called lollardies, within the places where they exercise their offices & occupations from tyme to tyme, with all their power: and that they assit the Ordinaries & their Commissaries, & them fauour & mainteine, as often as they, or any of them to that shalbe required by the same Ordinaries or their Commissaries: so that when the sayd officers and ministers trauallye or ryde to arrest any lollard, or to make assystaunce at the instance and request of the Ordinaries, or their Commissaries, by vertue of this statute, that the same Ordinaries & commissaries shal pay for their costes reasonable, and that the kynges seruitces to the which the same officers be first sworn, be preferred before al other statutes, for the liber-

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tie of holy church, & the ministers of the same: and in especial for the correction and punishment of the heretikes and lollardes, before this time made and not repelled, being in their force. And also that al persons conuict of heresie, of what estate, condition, or degree that they be, by the sayd ordinaries or their commissaries, left to the secular power, according to the lawes of holy church, shal lose & forsayte al their landes and tenementes, which they haue in fee simple, in the maner as foloweth: that is to say, that the king haue al the landes and tenementes, whiche the sayde conuictes haue in fee simple, and holden of him immediately as forsayte: and that the other lordes of whom the landes and tenementes of such conuictes be holden immediatly after that the king is so sealed and answered, yf the yeere, the day, and the walle, haue liuerie out of the kinges handes of the landes & tenementes aforesayd of them so holden, as it hath been used in the case of attainder of felonie, except the landes & tenementes which be holden of the ordinaries or their commissaries. before whom any such persons impeached of heresie, be conuict, which landes & tenementes intirely shal remaine to þe king as forsaite. And moreover, that al the goodes & cattels of these persons so conuicted, be forsaite to our soueraigne lord the king, so that no person conuict of heresie, & left to the secular power after the lawes of holy church, shal forsaite his lands before that he be dead. And if any such person so conuict, be infected, be it by fine, by deede, or without deede, in landes or tenements, rents, or seruices, in fee or other wyse, or hath any other possessions or cattels by gift or graunt of any person or persons to anothers vse, then to the vse of such conuictes, that the same landes nor tenementes, rentes, nor seruices, nor such other possessions, nor cattelles, shalbe forsaite to our soueraigne Lord the King in no wyse. And moreover, that the Justices of the kinges bench, and Justices of peace, and Justices of assise, haue ful power to enquire of all them which holde any errors or heresies, as lollardes, and which be their maintainers, receiuers, fauorers, and susteiners, common writers of such bookes, as wel of the sermons, as of their schooles, conuenticles, congregations, & confederacies: and that this clause be put in commission of the Justices of the peace. And if any persons be indicted of any poyntes aforesayd, the said Justices shal haue power to award against them a capias. & the Sheriffe shalbe bound to arrest the person or persons so indicted, as soone as he may them find by him or by his officers. And for asmuch as the cognisance of heresie, errors, & lollardries, belongeth to the Judges of holy church, & not to the secular Judges, such persons indicted shalbe deliuered to the Ordinaries of the places, or to their commissaries, by indentures betwixt them to be made, within .x. dayes after their arrest, or sooner, if it may be, thereof to be acquit or conuict by the lawes of holy church, in case that these persons be not indicted of another thyng,

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thing, whereof the cognisance belongeth to the secular Judges and officers, in whiche case, after that they be acquite or deliuered before the secular Judges, of such thinges to the secular Judges belonging, they shalbe sent in safe garde to the sayde Ordinaries, or to the Commissioners, & to them deliuered by indentures as before, to be acquite or convict of such lollardies, erroris, or heresies, as is aforesayd, after the lawes of holy Church, and that within the terme aforesayd, ³⁰ provided alwayes, that the sayde indictmentes be not taken in evidence, but for information before the Spiritual Judges, agaynst suche persons so indicted: but that the Ordinaries commence theyr processe agaynst such persons indicted, in the same maner, as though no indictment were, having no regarde to such indictmentes.

And yf any be indicted of heresie, erroris, or lollardy, and taken by the Sheriffe or other officer, he shalbe let to maynepryse within the sayd ten dayes by good suretie, for whom the sayd Sheriffes or other officers wyl answer, so that the sayd person or persons which were so indicted, be redy to be deliuered to the sayd Ordinaries, or to the Commissioners, before the ende of the sayd tenne dayes, yf he may by any meanes for sickness. And every Ordinarie shall haue sufficient Commissioners, or Commisarie dwelling in every Countie in a place notable, so that yf any such person so indicted be taken, that the sayd Commissioners or Commisarie, may be warned in the notable place where he dwelleth by the Sheriffe, or some of his officers, to come to the Kinges Gaile in the same Countie, there to receiue the same person so indicted by indentures as before. And that in the inquest in this case to be taken, the Sheriffes and other officers, to whom it belongeth, shall do to be empanelled good and sufficient persons, not suspected nor procured: that is to say, that every of them which shalbe so empanelled in such inquest, haue within the Realme of England C. s. of landes, tenementes, or of rent by yeere, upon payne to lose to the Kinges use. x. li. and they which shalbe empanelled in suche inquestes in Wales, every of them shall haue to the value of. xl. s. by yeere. And yf any such person be arreste, be it by the Ordinarie, or by the Kinges officers or ministers, and escape or breake the prison, before that he be acquit before the Ordinarie, the goodes and cattels which he had the day of such arreste, shalbe forsaite to the King, and his landes and tenementes, which he had the same day, sealed also in the Kinges handes. The King shal haue the profites thereof from the sayd day, untill he be recyded to the prison from whiche he escaped: And that the foresayd Justices haue full power to enquire of all such escapes, breaking of prison, and also of landes and tenementes, goodes and cattels of such persons so indicted.

provided also, that yf any such person indicted, do not returne to the sayd prison, and dyeth not convict, it shalbe lawfull to his heires

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to enter into the landes and tenementes of their auncesler, without any other pursuite making to the kyng for this cause: and then all they which have liberties and franchises royall in Englande, as in the Countie of Chester, the Countie a liberte of Durham, and other lyke, and also al the lordes which haue iurisdiction and franchises royall in wales, where the Kinges writtes do not run, haue power to execute and put in due execution these articles in all poyntes, by them or by theyr officers, in lyke maner as the Justices and other the Kinges officers befoze declared shoulde doo.

An Acte that persons dwellyng in the Countrey, shall not sell any diuers wares in Cities or Townes corporate by retayle, nor on The. vi. Chapter.



Here befoze this tyme the auncient cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes within the realme of England, haue ben very populous, and were inhabited with merchauntes, artificers, and handicraftsmen, during which time the children in the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, were cludy brought up and instructed, and also in the sayd cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, kept in good order and discipline, and the inhabitants of the same well set on worke and kept from idlenesse. By reason whereof, the sayd cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, did then prosper in riches and great wealth, and were as then not only able to serue and furnish the King and Queenes maiesties, and other theyr noble progenitours Kinges of this Realme, as well with great numbers of good able persons, and well furnished meete for the warres, as also then charged, and yet chargeable with great fee armes, quindemes, taxes, and diuers other paymentes to the King and Queenes maiesties, which at this present they be not able to pay and beare, but to theyr better vndoyng, being fewe in number to pay and beare the same, but also the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are lyke to come very shortly to better destruction, ruine, and decay: By reason wherof, the occupiers, lymnen Drapers, wollen Drapers, Haberdashers, and Grocers, dwelling in the Countreys out of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, do not only occupie the arte and mysterie of the sayd sciences, in the places where they dwel and inhabite, but also come vnto the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, and there sel their wares, and take away the reliefe of the inhabitants of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, so the great decay, and better vndoyng of the inhabitants of the

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the same, yf speedy reformation therein be not had in time convenient. for remedy whereof, and for the better amendement of the sayd Cities, Boroughes, Townes corporate, and market Townes, and to thende the same Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, may be the better to pay the sayd see farmes, and also to beare the other ordinarie charges within the same Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, and to furnyssh the King and Queenes Maiesties with numbers of able persons, yf he as they heretofore haue done in tymes past, in tymes of warre.

Be it therefore enacted by our Soueraigne Lorde and Lady, the King and Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaurthorritie of the same, that any person or persons which doo now inhabite or dwel, or hereafter shall inhabite or dwel in the Countrey any where or Countie within this Realme of Englande, out of any of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, Townes corporate, or market Townes, from and after the feast of S. Michael Tharchangell next commyng, shall not sell, or cause to be solde by retayle, any wollen cloth, Linnen cloth, Haberdashe wares, Grocerie wares, Mercerie wares, at or within any of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, Townes corporate, or market Townes, or within the Suburbes or liberties of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, Townes corporate, and market Townes, within the sayde Realme of Englande (except it be in open fayres) upon payne to forsayte and lose for euery tyme so offending, the summe of. vi. s. viii. d. and the whole wares so sold, proffered, and offered to be sold, contrary to the fourme, intent, and effect in this present acte, as aboue is sayd: the one moitie of all whiche forsaytures, to be to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lord and Lady the King and Queenes Maiesties, and the other halfe to hym or them that shall seale and sue for the same in any of the King and Queenes courtes of Recorde, by byll, playnt, action of debt, information, or other wyse, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shall be allowed.

Provided alway, that this acte shall not in any wyse extende, nor be hurtfull to any person or persons, that buyng any of the sayd wollen clothe, Linnen clothe, Haberdashe, Grocerie, Mercerie, ware or wares to any of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, Townes corporate, or market Townes to be sold, or cause to be sold, by whole sale, in grosse, and not by retayle: but they and euery of them may lawfully sell the same in as large and ample maner, fourme, and condition by whole sale, in grosse, and not by retayle, as they and euery of them myght haue done at any tyme or tymes before the making of this acte: any thyng herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that this present act shall not extend to any person or persons that now dwel or inhabite in the Countrey, or hereafter

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shal dwel or inhabite out of any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes: but that they, and euery of them, at any tyme hereafter, when they or any of them shalbe free of any the guildes and liberties of any the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, and dwel or inhabite within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, that they and euery of them so beynge free, shal, and may sell, or cause to be solde any of the wares aforesayde by retayle, in as ample and large maner, as they and euery of them myght haue done, beynge free of the sayd cities, boroughes, and townes aforesayde, before the making of this acte: any clause or article in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthortie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to all persons, to sell, or cause to be solde, by retayle or otherwyle, all maner of cloth, Linnen or woollen, of theyr owne making, in euery citie, borough, towne corporate, and market towne within the Realme, as freely and frankly as they might haue done before the making of this acte: any thyng in the same conteynynge to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the liberties and priuiledges of the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, or eyther of them: any thing in this acte heretofore mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte repealing all Statutes, articles, and prouisions, made agaynst the See apostolike of Rome, since the twentie yeere of King Henry the eyght, and also for the establisment of all Spirituall and Ecclesiasticall possessions and hereditamentes, conueyed to the laitie.

The eight Chapter.



Here as since the. xx. yeere of kyng Henrie the eyght, of famous memorie, rather vnto your Maiestie, our most naturall soueraigne and gracious Ladye and Queene, muche false and erronious doctrine hath been taught, preached, and wyrtten, partly by diuers the naturall borne subiectes of this realme, and partly beynge brought in hyther from sundry other forraigne countreys, hath ben sowen & spread abroade within the same. By reason whereof, as well the spirituallie as the temporallie of your highnes realme and dominions, haue swarried from the obedience of the See apostolike, and declyned from the vnitie of Chrystes Church, and so haue
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continued vntyll such tyme as your maiestie being first rayled by by God, and set in the seate royall ouer vs, and then by his deuine and gracious prouidence knitte in mariage with the most noble and vertuous prince, the King our soueraigne Lorde your husbände, the Popes holines & the See apostolike sent hither vnto your maiesties (as vnto persons vndefiled, and by Gods goodnes preserved from the common infection aforesayd) and to the whole Realme, the most reuerende father in God, the Lorde Cardinal Poole, Legate de latere, to call vs home agayne into the right way, from whence we haue all this long while wandred and strayed abroad: and we after sundry long and greuous plagues and calamities, seeing by the goodnes of God our owne errors, haue knowledged the same vnto the sayde most reuerende father, and by him haue been and are the rather at the contemplation of your Maiesties, receiued and embraced into the vnetie and bolome of Christes Church: and vpon our humble submission and promise made for a declaration of our repentaunce, to repeale and abrogate such Actes and Statutes, as had been made in Parliament since the sayd. xx. yeere of the sayd King Henry the eight, agaynst the supremacie of the See apostolike, as in our submission exhibited to the sayd most reuerende father in God, by your maiesties appeareth. The tenour whereof ensueth.

We the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons assembled in this present Parliament, representing the whole body of the Realme of Englande, and the dominions of the same, in the name of our selues peticulerly, and also of the sayd body brüuersally, in this our supplication directed to your maiesties, with most humble suite, that it may by your graces intercession and meane be exhibited to the most reuerende father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Poole Legate, sent specially hither from our most holy father the Pope Iuly the thyrde, and the See apostolike of Rome: doo declare our selues very sorry and repentaunt for the schisme and disobedience committed in this Realme & dominions aforesayd, agaynst the sayd See apostolike, eyther by making, agreeing, or executing any lawes, ordinaunces, or commaundementes, agaynst the supremacie of the said See, or otherwise doying or speaking, that myght impugne the same: offering our selues, & promising by this our supplication, that for a taken and knowledge of our sayd repentaunce, we be, and shalbe alwayes redy, vnder, and with the aucthorities of your maiesties, to the vtermost of our powers, to do that shall lye in vs for the abrogation, and repealing of the sayd lawes and ordinaunces in this present Parliament, as well for our selues, as for the whole body, whom we represente. Wherevpon, we most humbly desyre your maiesties, as personages vndefiled in offence of body towards the sayde See, whiche nevertheless God by his prouidence hath made subject to you, so to set forth

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foorth this our most humble suite, that we may obtayne from the See apostolike, by the sayde most reuerende father, as well perticulerly, as generally, absolution, release, and discharge from all danger of suche censures, and sentences, as by the lawes of the Church we be fallen into: and that we may as chyl dren repentaunt, be receiued into the bosome and bntie of Christes Church, so as this noble Realme, with al the members thereof, may in this bntie and perfect obedience to the See apostolike, and Popes for the tyme beyng, serue God and your Maiesties, to the furtheraunce & aduancement of his honour and glory. We are at the intercession of your maiesties, by thaucthoritie of our holy father Pope Iuly the thirde, and of the See apostolike, assoyled, discharged, and deliuered from excommunication, interdictions, and other censures Ecclesiasticall, which hath hanged ouer our heades for our sayde defaultes, since the tyme of the sayde tisme mentioned in our supplication. The which tyme, the sayde lorde Legate and we doo all declare, recognise, and meane by this acte to be onely since the. xx. peere of the raigne of your moste noble father king Henry the eyght. It may now like your Maiesties, that for the accomplishment of our promise made in the sayde supplication: that is, to repeale al Lawes and Statutes made contrary to the sayd supremacie and See apostolike, during the sayde tisme, the which is to be vnderstand, since the. xx. peere of the raigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, and so the sayd lorde Legate doth accept, and recognise the same.

We here in the Parliament begun and holden at Westmister, in the. xxi. yere of the raigne of the late King of most famous memorie King Henry the eight, one acte was then and there made against pluralities of benefices, for taking of farmes by Spiritual men, and for none residence: in the which acte amongst other thynges it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf any person or persons at any tyme after the fyrst day of Apryll in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande fyue hundred and thyrtye, contrary to the same acte, shoulde procure and obteyne at the Court of Rome, or els where, any licence or licences, vnion, tolleracion, or dispensacion, to receiue or take any more benefices with cure, then was limited and appoynted by the same acte: or els at any tyme after the sayde day, shoulde put in execution any such licence, tolleracion, or dispensacion, before that tyme obteyned contrary to the sayde acte, that then everye suche person or persons, so after the sayd day sayng for hym selfe, or receyving and takynge suche benefice by force of such licence or licences, vnion, tolleracion, or dispensacion, that is to say, the same person or persons only and none other, shoulde for everye such defaulte, incurre the danger, payne, and penaltie of. xx. li. sterl. and shoulde also lose the whole profites of everye such benefice, or benefices, as he receaueth, or taketh

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hath by force of any such licence or licence, or otherwise, or by dispensation. And where also in the said act it was enacted, that if any person or persons did procure, or obtayne at the court of Rome, or elsewhere, any manner of licence or dispensation to be none residence at their universities, or to be absent from the said act, that then every such person or persons, touching in execution any such dispensation or licence to the contrary, from the said first day of April, in the said years of our Lord God's said grace five hundred and thirtie, should be sumamed and in the penalties, damage, and expence of xx. sh. for every year, to be paid, to be kept and recovered, as by the said act is declared, and which licence or dispensation so procured, or to be put in execution, to be void and of none effect, as by the same act more plainly it doth and may appear.

Be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that as muche onely of the sayde act, as concerneth the articles and clauses aforesayde, and all and every the wordes and sentences contained in the sayde act, concerning the said articles and clauses, and every of them, shal from henceforth be repealed, adnulled, renoked, adnulled, and utterly made voyde for ever: and thynge in the sayd act to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

And where also at the session of the same Parliament holden upon prorogation, in the. xxiii. years of the raigne of the sayde late King Henry the eyght, one acte entitled, The act that no person shal be elected out of the dioces where he or she dwelleth, except in certayne cases: and where also at the said Parliament, in the session holden at Westminister upon prorogation the. xxiii. years of the raigne of the sayde late King Henry the eyght, one acte was made, that appeales in such cases as hath ben used to be pursued to the See of Rome, should not fro henceforth be had nor used but within this Realme: And where also at the said Parliament holden at Westminister in the. xxv. years of the raigne of the sayde late King Henry the eyght, and there continued by divers prorogations untill the. xlii. day of April, in the. xxv. years of his raigne, one acte was made concerning restayntes of paymentes of Annates, and first frutes of Archbishops, and Bishops of the See of Rome: And where at the Session of the sayde Parliament holden in the. xxv. years of the raigne of the sayde late King, there was also one acte made, entitled, The submission of the Clergie to the Kinges Maestie: and one other acte entitled, An acte restrayning the sayd paymentes of annates or first frutes to the Bishop of Rome, and of the electing and consecrating of the Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme: and one other act was then and there made, entitled, An act concerning the exoneracion of the Kinges subiectes from exactions and impositions before

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before that tyme pade to the See of Rome, and for haueing licences and dispensations within this Realme, without anyng further to the same.

Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd severall actes made for the redempcion of payment of the sayd duties and first frutes, and all other the sayd actes made in the sayde xxiii. and xxv. yeeres of the raigne of the sayd late King, and every of them, and all a every branch, article, matter, and sentence in them, and every one of them contained, shalbe by authoritie of this present Parliament from hencefoorth utterly boide, made frustrate, and repealed to all intencion, construction, and purposes.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all and every these actes folowynge: that is to say, one acte made at the session of the said Parliament holden upon prorogation at Westm. in the. xxi. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late King Henrie the eighth, entituled: An acte concerning the Kinges highnes to be supreme head of the Church of Englande, & to have authoritie to reforme and redresse all errours, heresies, and abuses in the same. And one other acte made in the same session of the same Parliament, entituled: An acte for nomination and consecration of Suffraganes within this Realme. And one other acte made in the. xxv. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late King Henrie the eighth, entituled: An acte whereby the King shoulde have power to nominate xxii. persons of his Clergie and Laytie for the making of Ecclesiasticall lawes. And also one other acte, made at the Parliament holden at Westm. in the. xxviii. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late King Henrie the eighth, entituled: An acte extinguisshynge the authoritie of the Bishop of Rome. And one other acte made in the same Parliament, entituled, An acte for the release of suche as then had obteyned preferred licences and dispensation from the See of Rome. And also all that parte of the acte made in the sayde. xxviii. yeere of the sayde King, entituled: An acte for the establishment of the succession of the Imperiall Crowne of the Realme, that concerneth a prohibition to marrie within the degrees expessed in the sayde acte. And also one other acte made at the Parliament holden at Westm. in the. xxxi. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late King Henrie the eighth, entituled: An acte authorisynge the Kinges highnes to make Bishoppes by his letters patentes. And one other acte made in the session of the same Parliament begun in the sayd. xxxi. yeere, holden upon prorogation, the. xxxii. yeere of the raigne of the sayd King Henrie the eighth, entituled: An acte concernynge precontractes of marriages, and touchynge degrees of consanguinitie. And one other acte made in the Parliament holden at Westm. in the. xxxv. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late King Henrie the eighth, entituled: An acte for the

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the ratification of the kinges maiesties stile, shall henceforth be repealed, made frustrate, voyde, and of none effect. And where also at the said Parliament holden at Westminister, in the xxv. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late king Henrie the eighth, one other acte was made, entituled: An acte concerning the stablishment of the succession of the said king in the imperial crowne of this Realme: in the which acte, there is a fourme of a corporall othe deuised and set forth, that euery subject of this Realme should be bound to take, against the power, authoritie, and iurisdiction of the See of Rome: be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that so much of the sayd acte as toucheth the sayd othe against the Supremacie, and all others thereupon had, made, and geuen, shall be from henceforth utterly voyde, repealed, and of none effect. And where also one other acte was made in the xxvii. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late king Henrie the eighth, entituled: An acte that Doctors of the Churche lawe being married, might exercise Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction: be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte last before mentioned, and al and euery braunche, article, sentence, and matter, contained in the same, shall from henceforth be repealed, and utterly made voyde, and of none effect.

And where one other acte was made at the first yeere of the Parliament holden at Westminister, in the first yeere of the raigne of king Edward the sixth, entituled: An acte for the repeale of certayne Statutes, concerning treasons, felonies, &c. In the which acte amongst other thynges there is contained certayne provisions, paynes, penalties, and forfeitures, for, and against such as should be open preachers, expresse wordes, sayings, writing, printing, overt deed, or act, affirme, or set forth that the king of this Realme for the time being, is not, or ought not to be supreme head in the earth of the Churches of England nor Ireland, ne of any of them: or that the Bishop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other then the king of England for the tyme being, is, or ought to be supreme head of the same Churches, or any of them, as in the same acte last before rehearsed, and at large is conteyned and may appeare: Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that these clauses before rehearsed, and other of the sayde acte, concerning the Supremacie, and all and euery braunche, article, wordes, and sentence in the same, soundyng or tending to the derogation of the Supremacie of the Popes holines, or the See of Rome: and al paynes, penalties, and forfeitures, made against them that should by any meanes set forth or ercol the sayd Supremacie, shall be from henceforth utterly voyde, and of none effect.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all clauses, sentences, and articles of euery other Statute, or acte of Parliament made since the sayde xx. yeere of the raigne of king Henrie the eighth,

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the eyght, agaynst the supreme aucthoritie of the Popes holynesse, or See apostolike of Rome: or concerning any other matter of the same effect onely, that is repealed in any of the Statutes aforesayd, shalbe also by aucthoritie hereof, from henceforth utterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effecte.

And where we your most humble Subiectes, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, haue exhibited to your Maiesties one other Supplication, in foure folowyng.

And the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, & the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, representing the whole body of this Realme, reduced & rescued by your Maiesties intercession to the vnitie of Christes Church; and the obedience of the See apostolike of Rome, & the Popes holynes governing the same, make most humble suite vnto your Maiesties, to be lyke wyse meanes and intercessours, that al occasion of contention, hatred, grudge, suspicion, and trouble, both outwardly and inwardly in mens consciences, whiche myght arys amongst vs, by reason of disobedience, may by aucthoritie of the Popes holynes, and by ministracion of the same vnto vs, by the most reuerende father in God the Lord Cardinal Poole, by dispensacion, tolleracion, or permission, respectiue as the case shal require, be abolished and taken away, and by aucthoritie sufficient, these articles folowyng, and generally al others, when any occasion shal so require, may be provided for, and confirmed.

First that al Bishoppiches, Cathedral Churches, Hospitallies, Colledges, Scholes, and other such fundacions now continuing, made by aucthoritie of Parliament, or other wyse establisshed, accordyng to the order of the lawes of this Realme, sithence the chisme, may be confirmed and continued for euer.

Item, that marriages made infra gradus prohibitos consanguinitatis, affinitatis, cognationis spiritualis, or which might be made voyde propter impedimentum publicæ honestatis iusticiæ; or for any other cause prohibited by the canons, only may be confirmed, and children borne of those marriages, declared legitimate, so as those marriages were made accordyng to the lawes of the Realme, for the time being, and be not directly agaynst the lawes of God, nor in such case as the See apostolike hath not bled to dispence withall.

That institution of Benefices, and other promotions Ecclesiasticall, and dispensacions made accordyng to the foure of the Acte of Parliament, may be lyke wyse confirmed.

That all iudiciall processes made before any Ordinaries of this Realme, or before any delegats, vpon any appeales, accordyng to the order of the lawes of the Realme, may be lyke wise ratified & confirmed. And finally, where certayne Actes and Statutes haue been made in the

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the tyme of the late scisme, concerning the landes, and hereditamentes of Archbysshoprickes, and Bysshoprickes, the suppression, and dissolution of monasteries, abbeyes, priories, chauntries, colleges, and al other the goodes and cattels of religious houses. Since the which tyme, the ryght and dominion of certayne landes, and hereditamentes, goodes and cattelles, belongyng to the same, be dispersed abroad, and come to the hands and possessions of diuers and sundry persons, who by gyft, purchase, exchange, and other meanes, accordyng to the order of the lawes and statutes of this Realme, for the tyme being, haue the same. For the auoyding of all scruples that might grow by any the occasions aforesayde, or by any other wayes or meanes whatsoeuer: It may please your Maiesties, to be intercessours and mediators to the sayd most reuerende father Cardinall poole, that all such causes and quarrels by pretence of the sayd scisme, or by any other occasion, or meane whatsoeuer, myght be moued by the Popes holynesse, or See apostolike, or by any other iurisdiction Ecclesiasticall, may be utterly remoued and taken away, so as all persons hauyng sufficient conueyaunce of the sayd landes and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, as is aforesayd, by the common lawes, actes, or statutes of this Realme, may without scruple of conscience enjoy them, without impeachment or trouble, by pretence of any generall counsaile, Canons, or Ecclesiasticall lawes, and cleare from all daungers of the censures of the Church.

AND conformably herevnto, the Bishoppes and Clergie of the prouince of Canterburie, haue presented to your Maiesties a supplication, in this tenour that foloweth.

Nos Episcopi, & clerus Cantuariensis prouincie in hac Synodo more nostro solito, dum regni parliamentum celebratur, congregati, cum omni debita humilitate, & reuerentia exponimus maiestatibus vestris, quod licet Ecclesiarum, quibus in Episcopos, Decanos, Archidiaconos, Rectores, & Vicarios præfati sumus, & animarum, quæ nobis & curæ nostræ subiectæ sunt, & earundem bonorum, iurisdictionum, & iurium ex sacrorum Canonum dispositione, defensores, & curatores constituti sumus, & propterea ipsarum bona, iurisdictiones, & iura in pernicioso huius regni præterito schismate deperdita, & amissa, omni studio, & totis nostris viribus recuperare, & ad pristinum Ecclesiarum ius reuocare, iuris remedijs nisi deberemus: nihilominus tamen habito prius per nos super hac re maturo consilio, & deliberatione, ingenue fatemur nos optime cognoscere, quàm hæc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum difficilis, & quasi impossibilis esset recuperatio propter multiplices, ac pene inextricabiles super his habitos, contractus & dispositiones, & quod si ea tentaretur, quies, & tranquillitas regni facile perturbaretur, & vnitas Ecclesiæ Catholicæ, quæ iam pietate, & auctoritate maiestatum vestrarum hoc in regno introducta est, cum maxima difficultate

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suum debitum progressum, & finem sortiri posset. Ideo nos bonum, & quietem publicam priuatis commoditatibus, & salutem tot animarum pretioso Christi sanguine redemptarum terrenis bonis anteponentes, & non quæ nostra, sed quæ Iesu Christi sunt quærentes, Maiestates vestras enixe rogamus, eisque humiliter supplicamus, vt reuerendissimo in Christo patri, domino Reginaldo Cardinalo Polo, ad ipsas, & vniuersū hoc Angliæ regnum sanctissimi domini nostri, domini Iulij, Papæ tertij, & apostolicæ sedes de latere legato, hæc nomine nostro insinuari, & apud eum intercedere dignentur, vt in his bonis Ecclesiasticis in parte, vel in toto arbitrio suo iuxta facultates sibi ab eodem sanctissimo domino nostro Papa concessas, eorundem bonorum detentoribus elargiendis, & relaxandis publicum bonum priuato, pacem, & tranquillitatem dissidijs, & perturbationibus, atque animarum salutem bonis terrenis præferre, & anteponere velit. Nos enim in omnibus, quæ ab ipso legato statuta, & ordinata circa hæc bona fuerint ex nunc, prout extunc, & contra concessum nostrum prestamus, imo etiam vt in premissis se difficile, aut restrictum redere non velit, maiestates vestras nostro nomine cum hortari, & rogare dignabuntur. Insuper maiestatibus vestris supplicamus pro sua pietate efficere dignentur, vt ea quæ ad iurisdictionem nostram, & libertatem Ecclesiasticam pertinent, sine quibus debitum nostri pastoralis officij, & curæ animarum nobis commissæ exercere non possumus, vobis superiorum temporum iniuria ablata restituantur, & ea nobis, & Ecclesiæ perpetuo illésa & salua permaneant, & vt omnes leges, quæ hanc nostram iurisdictionem, & libertatem Ecclesiasticam tollunt, seu quouis modo impediunt, abrogentur ad honorem dei, & maiestatum vestrarum, & vniuersi huius regni spirituale, & temporale commodum, & salutem, certam spem etiam habentes, maiestates vestras, pro sua singulari in ipsum deum pietate, proque multis, & insignibus ab ipsius dei bonitate acceptis beneficijs, necessitatibus, & incommodis huius sui regni Ecclesiarum maxime curam animarum habentium nunquam defuturas esse, sed prout opus fuerit, consulturas, atque prouisuras.

For as much as the sayd most reuerende father, the Lorde legate, at the intercession of your Maiesties, hath by the auctoritie of the See apostolike, sufficiently dispensed in the matters specified in the sayd seuerall supplications, as in his sayde letters of dispensation is conteyned more at large. The tenor whereof ensueth.

Reginaldus miseratione diuina sanctæ Mariæ in Cosmodin sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ, Diaconis, Cardinalis Polus nūcupatus, ad serenissimos Philippum & Mariam, Angliæ reges, fidei defensores, & vniuersum Angliæ regnum, sanctissimi dominæ nostræ Papæ, & sedes apostolice de latere legatus eisdem serenissimis Philippo & Mariæ regibus salutem in domino sempiternam. Cum supremum consilium istius regne parliamentum nuncupatum maiestatibus vestris, per suos supplices liberos ex posuisset, quod perniciosissimo scismate, in hoc regno aliàs viget, quod

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quod nunc dei misericordia, & maiestatum vestrarum pietate extinctum est, auctoritatē ipsius parliamenti nonnulli Episcopatus diuisi, & ex his aliquæ inferiores Ecclesiæ, in Cathedralis arresta, & scholæ, atq; hospitalia fundata, nec non plurimæ dispensationes, & beneficiorum promissiones facta fuerunt, ac multæ personæ quibus persuasum fuerat, iuris Canonici dispositiones hoc in regno amplius locum non habere, inter se in gradibus consanguinitatis, vel affinitatis, de iure prohibitis, & alijs impedimentis Canonici sibi obstantibus, matrimonia per verba de presenti contraxerunt, & multis actus iudicarij, & processus, tam in primis, quam vltioribus instantijs super rebus spiritualibus, & Ecclesiasticis coram iudicibus, tam ordinarijs, quam delegatis, qui auctoritate laicale procedebant, habiti, & seruati, ac super eis etiam sententiæ latæ, & promulgatæ fuerunt, & bona Ecclesiastica per diuersas eiusdem regni personas occupata, & apprehensa fuerunt. Quæ quidem licet ex factorum Canonum institutis irriti declarari possent, tamē si ad alium statum, quam in quo nunc sunt reuocaretur, publica pax, & quies vniuersi regni turbaretur, & maxima confusio oriretur, presertim si dictorum bonorum possessores molestarentur; & propterea maiestatibus vestris humiliter supplicauerint, vt apud nos intercedere dignentur, vt premissarum rerum firmitati, & stabilitati, & simul huius regni quieti, & tranquillitati, de benignitate apostolica procedere velimus, Cumq; Episcopi quoq; deinde ac reliquis provincie Cantuariensis Clerus totum scilicet corpus Ecclesiasticorum regni representet, ad quos hæc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum causa maxime pertinet, exposuerint, qd hæc bona ad ius Ecclesiarū reuocare non possunt, quin pax vniuersalis, & quies huius regni turbetur, & causa fidei, atq; vnitatis Ecclesiæ, iam tota omnium consensu hoc in regno introducta, in maximum periculum adducatur, & propterea ipsi quoq; supplicauerint, vt apud nos intercedere velint, vt in his bonis Ecclesiasticis possessoribus relaxandis restricti, & difficiles esse nollemus, maiestates autem vestras, ad quas maxime spectat prouidere, vt regnum ipsarū potestati, regimini, & curæ commissum in pace, & tranquillitate cōseruetur. His supplicationibus, & postulatis cognitis, & maturo cōsideratis, iudicauerint ea omnia, & maxime illa, quæ in honorū Ecclesiasticorū causa petuntur, pro causa fidei, & pro pace publica, per nos debere sine vlla dilatione cōcedi, & quemadmodū rogatæ fuerunt, apud nos intercedere dignatæ fuerint, prout in supplicationibus per idem supremum consilium, & Episcopos, ac clerum præfatū maiestatibus vestris porrectis, atq; in libello intercessionis per eadē maiestates vestras nobis simul cum alijs supplicationibus exhibito, latius apparet. Idcirco nos qui ad maiestates vestras, & hoc nobilissimum vestrū regnū a sanctissimo domino nostro Iulio, Papa tertio, ipsius & sedis apostolicæ de latere legati missi sumus, vt regnum istud, qd iam diu ab Ecclesiæ catholicæ vnitatis separatum fuerat, deo, & Ecclesiæ Christi, eiusq; in terris vicario reconciliaremus, & vt ea omnia, quæ ad pacem, & tranquillitatem huius regni pertinerent, omni studio procuraremus, postquam dei

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benignitate, & maiestatum vestrarum pietate, p̄ auctoritatem eiusdem sanctissimi Dom. nostri Papæ, cuius vices hic sustinemus, recōciliatio iam facta est, vt paci, & tranquillitati regni præfati consulamus, atq; vt vnitas Ecclesiæ, ex qua salus tot animarum p̄cioso Christi sanguine redemptarū dependet, hoc in regno iam introducta corroboretur, & salua permaneat, cum vtriusq; rei stabilitatem in eo maxime consistere, si horum Ecclesiasticorum bonorū possessoribus molestia nulla inferatur, quo nimis ea teneant, tot & tam graua testimonia nobis fidē faciant, & maiestatum vestrarū intercessio, quæ p̄ vnitate Ecclesiæ, & sedis apostolicæ auctoritate hoc in regno instauranda tam studiose, & tam piē elaborarunt, tam quam par est auctoritatem apud nos habeat, & vt vniuersū hoc regnū sedis apostolicæ maternam vere indulgētiā, & charitatem erga se agnoscat, & re ipsa experiatur: quoscunq; ad quos infra scripta pertinent, a quibusuis excommunicationis, suspensionis, & interdicti, alijsq; Ecclesiasticis sententijs, censuris & poenis a iure vel ab homine, quauis occasione, vel causa latis, si quibus quomodo libet innodati existunt, ad effectum presentium dumtaxat consequendū horū serie absoluētes, & absolutos fore eo consentes auctoritate apostolica, p̄ literas sancti Dom. nostri, Dom. Iulij Papæ terrij nobis concessa, & qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore presentium dispensamus, q̄ omnes & singule cathedraliū Ecclesiarum erectiones, hospitalium, & scholarum fundationes tempore preteriti schismatis, licet de facto, & nulleter attentate in eo statu, in quo nunc sunt, perpetuo, firmæ, & stabiles permaneant, illisq; apostolicæ firmitatis robur adijcimus, ita vt non ea auctoritate, qua prius, sed ea, quam nunc eis tribuimus factæ ab omnibus cōsecratur, & cum omnibus & singulis personis regni predicti, quæ in aliquo cōsanguinitatis, vel affinitatis gradu etiam multiplici, vel cognationis spiritualis, seu publicæ honestatis iusticiæ impedimento de iure positiuo introductis, & in quibus sanctissimus Dom. noster Papa dispensare cōsuevit matrimonia scienter, vel ignoranter de facto contraxerint, vt aliquo impedimentorū premissoꝝ non obstante in eorū matrimonijs, sic cōtractis libere, & licite remanere, seu illa de nouo contrahere possint, misericorditer in domi, dispensamus, prole susceptā, suscipiendam legitimā decernentes, ita tamen vt qui scienter & maliciose cōtraxerint, a sententiæ excommunicationis, & ab incestus, seu sacrilegij reatu, absolutione a suo ordinario, vel curato, quibus id faciendi facultatē concedimus, obtrineant, ac omnes Ecclesiasticas, seculares, seu quorumuis ordinum regulares personas quæ aliquas impetrationis, dispensationes, concessiones, gratias, & indulta, tam ordines, quam beneficia Ecclesiastica, seu alias spirituales materias pretēsa auctoritate suprenitatis Ecclesiæ, Anglicanæ, licet nulliter & de facto obtinuerint, & ad eorū reuersā Ecclesiæ vnitati restituta fuerint, in suis ordinib; & beneficijs p̄ nos ipsos, seu a nobis ad id deputatos, misericorditer recipiēsus, prout iam multa recepta fuerunt, secūq; super his oportune in Dom. dispensabimus, ac omnes processus in quibusuis instācijs corā quibusuis iudicibus, tam ordinarijs, quā delegatis etiam laicis

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laicis super materijs spiritualibus habitos, & formatos, & ſententias super eis latas, licet nulliter, & de facto, quo ad nullitatem ex defectu iurisdictionis præfato tantum in ſurgentem ſanamus, illoſq; & illas aucthoritate apoſtolica confirmamus. Ac quibuſuis huius regni perſonis, ad quarum manus bona Eccleſiaſtica ex quocunq; contractu, ſeu titulo oneroſo, vel lucratiuo iam deuenierint, illaq; tenuerint, ſeu etiam teneant, omnes, & quoscuq; fructus ex eiſdẽ bonis, licet indebite perceptos, in totum remittimus, & releuamus, volentes, ac decernentes, q̃ dictorum bonorum Eccleſiaſticorum tam mobilium, quam immobilium poſſeſſores præſati non poſſint in præſenti, nec in poſterum, ſeu p̃ conſiliorum generalium, vel prouincialium diſpoſitiones, ſeu decretales Romanorum pontificum Epistoſas, ſeu aliam quamcumq; cẽſuram Eccleſiaſticam in dictis bonis, ſue eorundẽ poſſeſſione moleſtari, inquietari, vel pturbari, nec eis aliqua cẽſuræ, vel pœnæ Eccleſiaſticæ propter huiusmodi detẽtionem, ſeu non reſtitutionem irrogari, vel infligi, & ſic p̃ quoscuq; iudices, & auditores ſublata eis quauis aliter iudicandi, & interpretandi facultate, & aucthoritate iudicare, & diſfinire debere, & quicquid ſecus attemptari contigerit, irritum, & inane fore decernimus, non obſtantibus præmiſſis defectibus, & quibuſuis apoſtolicis, ac in prouincialibus, & ſynodabilis conſilij edictis, ſpecialibus vel generalibus conſtitutionibus, & ordinationibus, cœterisq; contrarijs quibuſcuq;. Admonemus tamen cum deuiſo Episcopatum, & erectio cathedralium Eccleſiarum ſint de maioribus cauſis, quæ ſummo pontifici ſunt reſeruata recurrendum eſſe ad ſuam ſanctitatem, & ab ea ſuppliciter poſtulandum, vt hæc cõfirmare, ſeu de nouo facere dignetur. Et licet omnes res mobiles Eccleſiarum indiſtincte eis, qui eas tenent relaxauerimus, eos tamẽ admonitos eſſe volumus, vt aut oculos habentes diuini iudicij ſeueritatem contra Balthaſarem regem Babylonis, qui vaſa ſacra non a ſe, ſed a patre e templo ablata in prophanos vſus conuertit, ea proprijs eccleſiis ſi extant, vel alijs reſtituant. Hortantes etiam, per viſcera miſerecordiæ Ieſu Chriſti obteſtantes eos omnes, quos hæc res tangit, vt ſalutis ſuæ non omnino immemores, hoc ſaltem efficiant, vt ex bonis eccleſiaſticis, maxime ijs quæ ratione perſonatum, & vicariatuum populi miniſtrorum ſuſtentatio fuerint ſpecialiter deſtinata, ſeu alijs cathedralibus, & alijs quæ nunc extant, inferioribus eccleſiis curam animarũ exercentibus, ita prouideatur, vt earum paſtores, perſonæ & vicarij commodè, & honeſte iuxta eorum qualitatem, & ſtatum ſuſtentari poſſint, & curam animarum laudabiliter exercere, & onera incumbẽtia congrue ſupportare. Datum Lambeth prope Londinum, Wintonien Dioceſ. Anno natiuitatis domini Milieſimo, quingentefimo, quinquageſimo quarto. Nono Cal. Ianuarij, Pontif. Sanctiſſimo patris, & Domini noſtri, domini Iulij diuina prouidentia Papæ tertij, Anno quinto.

Reginaldus Cardinalis Polus, Legatus.

we the ſayd Lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, rendering moſt humble thanks to your

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Majesties, by whose intercession and meanes we haue obtayned the sayd dispensations of the Popes holinesse, by the sayde most reuerende father in God his legate, most humbly beseecheth the same, that it may be ordeyned as foloweth.

And therefore be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all and singuler articles & clauses conteyned in the sayd dispensation, as well touchyng the establyshment of Bysshoprikes, and Cathedral churches, as also the confirmations of mariages in degrees prohibited by the Canons of the Church, the legitimation of children, and the ratification of processe, and of sentences in matters Ecclesiasticall, touchyng the invaliditie of them for want of iurisdiction, and the institutions and destitutions, of, and in benefices and promotions Ecclesiasticall, dispensations, and graces, geuen by suche order, as the publique lawes of this realme then approued, & al other thynges before conteyned in the sayd letters of dispensations, shall remayne and be reputed and taken, to all intentes and constructions in the lawes of this realme, lawfull, good, and effectual, to be alleaged and pleaded in all courtes Ecclesiasticall and Temporal, for good and sufficient matter, eyther for the plaintiffe or defendaunt, without any allegation or obiection to be made agaynst the validitie of them, by pretence of any generall counsaile, canon, or decree to the contrary made, or to be made in that behalfe.

And whereas diuers and sundry late Monasteries, Priories, Commaundries, Nunneries, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colledges, Hospitalles, houses of fryers, Chauntries, and other religious and Ecclesiasticall houses and places, and the manoures, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, rectories, tythes, pensions, portions, vicareges, Churches, Chappelles, aduoufons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuertions, seruices, and other possessions, and hereditamentes, to the sayde late Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Chauntries, Prebendes, houses of fryers, Colledges, Hospitalles, and other religious and Ecclesiasticall houses and places, and sundry Archbysshoprikes, and Bysshoprikes within this realme, late apparteynyng and belongyng, came as well to the handes and possession of the sayde Kyng of famous memorie, Henrie the eyght, father vnto your Maiestie, our sayde soueraigne Ladye, by dissolution, gyft, graunt, surrender, attainer, or other wyse, as also to the handes and possessions of diuers and sundry other persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, by sundry meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, accordyng to the order of the lawes and statutes of this Realme.

And where also diuers manoures, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, parcel of the possessions of Archbysshoprikes and Bysshoprikes, and many and sundry late Deaneries, Colledges, Chauntries, Rectories, Prebendes, free Chappelles, Guydes, and fraternities, Manours,

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nours, houses, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, and other Ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, to the sayd Archbishops, Bishops, Deaneries, Colleges, Chauntries, free Chappels, Rectories, Guydes, and fraternities, late apperteyning and belonging, or appoynting, to, and for the fynding of Priests, Pbyres, lightes, or other lyke purpose, came as well to the handes and possession of the late noble kyng Edward the fyrth, brother vnto your Maiesties soueraigne Lady, by vertue of an acte of Parliament thereof made, or other wyse, as also to the handes & possessions of diuers & sundry other persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, by sundry meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, according to the order of the lawes of this realme, a great number of whiche sayd late Monasteries, Priories, Runneries, Conmaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Hospitales, Prebendes, Chauntries, free Chappelles, Guydes, and fraternities, and the manours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, tythes, pentions, portions, vicareges, churches, chappelles, aduoufons, nominations, patronages, annuities, & hereditamentes, goodes and cattels, to the sayd Monasteries, Priories, Runneries, Conmaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Hospitales, Chauntries, free Chappelles, Guydes, fraternities, and other Ecclesiasticall houses, Archbishops, & Bishops, belonging, as well for great summes of money, as for other good and reasonable causes and considerations, haue ben conueyed and assured to diuers the subiectes and bodyes politike of this Realme, as well by the sayd kyng Henry the eyght, the sayd kyng Edward the fyrth, & by your hyghnesse our soueraigne Lady, & ioyntly both by your Maiesties, as also by diuers the owners of the said Ecclesiasticall possessions, whiche sayde conueyaunces and assuraunces by theyr sundry letters patentes, and other wyptynges, more playnely doo and may appeare. For as much as the sayd most reuerende ffather hath also by the sayde dispensations, remoued and taken away all matter of impeachment, trouble, and daunger, whiche by occasion of any generall counsaile, canon, or decree Ecclesiasticall, myght touche and disquiet the possessours of suche goodes mooueable, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, as were of late belonging to any of the sayde Archbishops, Bishops, Monasteries, Priories, Runneries, Conmaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Chauntries, Prebendes, Rectories, Hospitals, houses of fryers, or other religious and Ecclesiasticall houses and places, of what nature, name, kynde, or qualitie so euer they be of: Yet for all that the tittle of al landes, possessions, and hereditamentes in this your Maiesties realme and dominions, is grounded in the lawes, statutes, and customes of the same, and by your high iurisdiction, aucthoritie royall, and crowne imperiall, and in your courtes onely to be impleaded, ordered, tryed, and iudged, and none other wyse:

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and vnderstandyng, that the whole, full, and most gracious intentes, mind, and determination of your most excellent maiesties be, that all & euery person and persons, bodyes politike and corporate, their heyres, successours, and assignes, and euery of them, shall haue, keepe, retayne, and enioy al and euery their estates, rightes, possessions, & interestes, that they and euery of them now haue, or hereafter shal haue, of, and in all and euery the manours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, tithes, pentiones, portions, aduousons, nominations, patronages, annunties, rentes, reuertions, seruices, hundredes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchises, and other the possessions and hereditamentes of the sayd Monasteries, Abbeyes, Priories, Nunneries, Conmaundries, Deaneries, Colledges, Prebendes, Hospitales, houses of fryers, Chauntries, Rectories, Vicareges, Churches, Chappelles, Archbyschoprikes, and Byschoprikes, and other Religious or Ecclesiastical houses & places, or of any of them within this Realme, or the dominions of the same, by such lawes and statutes as were in force before the fyrst day of this present Parliament, and by other lawfull contriuaunce to them thereof made.

That it may be therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that as well your Maiestie our soueraigne Ladye, your heyres and successours, as also al and euery other person and persons, bodyes politike and corporate, theyr heyres, successours, and assignes, now hauing, or that hereafter shal haue, hold, or enioy any of the scites of the sayd late Monasteries, and other the religious or Ecclesiastical houses or places, & al the sayd manours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, tithes, pentiones, portions, glebelandes, aduousons, nominations, patronages, annunties, rentes, reuertions, seruices, hundredes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchises, profites, commodities, and other the possessions and hereditamentes of the said late Monasteries, Abbeyes, Priories, Nunneries, Conmaundries, Deaneries, Colledges, Prebendes, Hospitales, houses of fryers, Rectories, Vicareges, Chauntries, Churches, Chappelles, Archbyschoprikes, Byschoprikes, & other religious and Ecclesiastical houses and places, or any of them, of what name, nature or kinde so euer they be, shall haue, holde, possede, reterne, keepe, and enioy al and euery the sayd scites, manours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, possessions, profites, commodities, and other hereditamentes, accordyng to such interestes and estates, as they and euery of them now haue or holde, or hereafter shal haue or holde of and in the same by due order and course of the lawes and statutes of this Realme, which now be, or were standyng in force before the fyrst day of this present Parliament, in maner and forme as they shoulde haue doone yf this acte had neuer been had ne made: This acte, or any thyng herein contened to the contrary, in any wise not withstanding.

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Saunting to you our sayde Soueraigne Lady, your heyres and successours, and euery of them, and to all and euery other person and persons, subiectes of this Realme, and bodys politike and corporate, and to theyr heyres and successours, and to the heyres and successours of all and euery of them, other then such whose ryght, tyle, or interest is bounded or taken away, bndone, or extinct by any act of parliament heretofore made, or other wyse all such ryght, tyle, clayme, possession, interestes, rentes, annuities, commodities, commons, offices, fees, leases, lynes, luynges, pensions, portions, debtes, dueties, and other profitcs, whiche they or any of them lawfully haue, or of ryght ought to haue, or myght haue had, in, of, or to any of the premisses, or in, of, or to any part or parcell thereof, in such lyke maner, forme, and condition, to all intentes, respectes, constructions, and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had ne made.

And that it may be further enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that al and euery article, clause, sentence, and prouiso, conteyned or specified in any acte or actes of Parliament, concernyng or touchyng the assurance or conueyance of any the sayd Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commanderies, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colledges, Chauntries, Hospitales, houses of fryers, Rectories, Vicarages, Churches, Chapelles, Archbishops, Bishops, and other religious and Ecclesiastical houses and places, or any of them, in any wyse concernyng any manours, lands, tenementes, profitcs, commodities, hereditamentes, or other the thinges before specified, to the sayd kyng Henry the eighth, or kyng Edward the sixth, or eyther of them, or any other person or persons, or body politike or corporate, and euery of them, and all and euery wytyng, dede, and instrument, concernyng the assurance of any the same, shal stande, remayne, and be in as good force, effect, and strength, and shalbe pleaded and taken advantage of, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the same should, might, or coulde haue been by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, in case this present act had neuer been had ne made.

And that all feoffamentes, lynes, surrenders, forsaitures, assurances, conueyances, estates, and interestes, in any wyse conueyed, had, or made to our sayd late Soueraigne Lord kyng Henry the eighth, or to our sayd late Soueraigne Loide kyng Edward the sixth, or eyther of them, or to any other person or persons, bodys politike or corporate, or to any of them, by dede or dedes, act or actes, or parliament, or other wyse of any of the scites, manours, lands, tenementes, possessions, profitcs, commodities, or hereditamentes, of any of the sayd Archbishops, Bishops, late Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commanderies, Deaneries, houses of fryers, Colledges, Chauntries, Hospitales, Prebendes, free Chappelles, or of any manours, landes, tenementes, reuertions, seruices, tythes, pensions, portions, annuities, or of any

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any other hereditamentes, of, by, or from any Ecclesiasticall or Spiritual person or persons, or by or from any Spiritual or Ecclesiasticall corporation, or body politike, shalbe as good & availeable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as they were by the lawes & statutes of this realme standing in force before the fyrst day of this present parliament: And that the same may and shalbe pleaded, alleaged, and taken aduantage of, in such sort, & to such effect, as they shoulde, coulde, or myght haue been by the lawes and statutes of this realme standyng in force before the sayd fyrst day of this present parliament: and that al and euery clause and article of sayyng, contained in al and euery the sayd actes and statutes, shal stande, remaine, and be in suche force, strength, and effect, as they were before the sayde fyrst day of this present parliament: any thing contained in this present act to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And that it may be in lyke maner enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that whosoever shal by any processe obtained out of any Ecclesiasticall court within this realme, or without, or by pretence of any Spiritual iurisdiction, or other wyse, contrary to þ lawes of this realme, inquiet or molest any person or persons, or body politike, for any of the said manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or thynges aboue specified, contrary to the wordes, sentences, and meaning of this act, shal incurre the danger of the acte of premynre, made in the. xvi. yere of King Richard the seconde, and shall suffer and incurre the forsaitures and paynes conteyned in the same.

Provided alway, that it shall and may be lawfull to any person or persons, body politike and corporate, to sue in any competent, Ecclesiasticall, or Spiritual court within this realme, for tythes, ryghtes, and dueties, that they or any of them shal pretende to haue, of, or out of any the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premysse, and to haue ful & perfect memorie of the same, in such maner and fourme, as they or any of them might, or ought to haue done, or had by the lawes and statutes of this realme, before the making of this act, & as though this acte had neuer ben had or made.

And that it may be further provided and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that albe it the tyle or stile of Supremacie, or Supremie head of the Church of England and of Ireland, or eþther of them, neuer was ne coude be iustly or lawfully attributed or knowledged to any King or Soueraigne Gouverneur of this Realme, nor in any wyse coude, or myght ryghtfully, iustly, or lawfully by any King or Soueraigne Gouverneur of this Realme be claymed, chalenged, or bled: Yet for as much as the sayd tyle and stile, sythence the thyrde day of Nouember, in the. xxvi. yere of the raigne of the sayde King Henrie the eyght, hath been bled, and is mentioned, and conteyned in diuers and sundry wyttes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, court rolles,

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les, charters, deedes, instrumentes, evidences, bookes, & wytynges: It shalbe lawfull as well to and for your Maiesties, and your soueraigne Ladyes heyres and successours, as to and for euery other person and persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to haue, reueine, and keepe the sayd wyttes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, court rolles, charters, deedes, instrumentes, evidences, bookes, and wytynges, and them to shewe, exhibite, vse, alleadge, and pleade, in all tymes and places requisite or needefull, without any daunger, penaltie, losse, forfayture, trouble, vexation, or impeachment for the same: any thyng in this acte, or in any other act or actes to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And where your highnesse soueraigne Lady, since your comming to the crowne of this Realme, of a good and Christian conscience omitted to wyte the sayde style of supremacie, specified in one acte made in the Parliament holden at Westmynster by prorogation in the .xxvi. yeere of the raigne of your late father King Henry the eighth, as well in gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, as in commissions, and other wytynges: and also other haue in theyr wytynges done the same, as well in your tyme, as before. And so: as muche as notwithstanding any lawe made concerning the sayd style of supremacie, it was in the free choyse, libertie, and pleasure of the kyng of this Realme, and of your highnesse, whether ye woulde expresse the same in the sayd style or not.

Be it therefore declared & enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all grauntes, letters patentes, commissions, indictmentes, recordes, and wytynges made in your our soueraigne Ladyes name, or in the names of your soueraigne Lord and Lady, or any other wherein the sayd style of supremacie is omitted, is, & shalbe to all intentes and purposes, as good and effectual, as if the same had been therein expresse, and may be deteyned, kept, pleaded, and alleaged, without any danger, payne, penaltie, or forfayture to ensue to any person or persons, or body politike, for, or concerning the omission of the same style, or any part thereof in any such wytynges, and that no person, ne persons shalbe impeached, molested, or damnified, for, or by reason of any such omission.

And where in an acte of Parliament made since the sayd .xx. yeere of King Henry the eighth, al bulles, dispensations, & wytynges, which were before that time obtained from the see of Rome, shoulde be boyd, abolished, and extingwished, with a clause neuerthelesse that the matter of them, by vertue of letters patentes from the king then beyng, shoulde and myght be alleaged, pleaded, and allowed, as yf the same had not been so abolished and extingwished. For as muche as the sayde acte is here before amongst other repealed and made boyde:

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Be it therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all Bulles, dispensations, and priuileges obteyned before the sayd .xx. yeere, or at any tyme sithence, or which shall hereafter be obteyned of the See of Rome, not conteynyng matter contrary, or preiudiciall to thaurthoritie, dignitie, or preheminence royal or imperiall of the realme, or to the lawes of this realme, now being in force, and not in this Parliament repealed, may be put in execution, vsed, and alleaged in any court within this realme, or els where, whether the same remaine yet whole, or can appeare to haue ben cancelled, in this valiable and effectual manner, to all intentes, and purposes, as if the sayd act had neuer ben had or made: Any obiection by pretence of extinguishment, or cancelling of the sayd Bulles, dispensations, or priuileges, or of any other matter or cause by the pretence of the lawes of this Realme whatsoeuer, in any wise notwithstanding.

And whereas by dissolution of monasteries, and other religious houses, certayne paryshe churches and chappels, which were before exempt from the iurisdiction of the Archbyshop & Byshop of the diocesse, and by special exemption and priuilege from Rome, were vnder the gouernment and order of the Abbots and Priours of those religious houses, which sayd churches by colour of the sayd exemptions, be now of special graunt from king Henry, and king Edward, vnder the rule, gouernment, and iurisdiction of temporall and laye men, who can no more enioy that supremacie ouer those particuler churches, then the king myght ouer the whole Realme:

Be it the refoze enacted, that all Archbysoppes and Bysoppes in theyr diocesse, and all other spiritual person and persons, hauyng iurisdiction, and theyr ministers and officers, and no laye person or persons, in euery church and place within the precinct of the same, being exempt, or not exempt, may freely and without impediment, execute theyr spiritual iurisdiction in all poyntes and articles, as though no such exemption or graunt had neuer ben made.

Provided alway, and be it enacted, that this act extende not to take away or diminishe the priuileges of the vniuersitie of Cambridge and Oxfo,de, ne the priuileges or prerogatives graunted heretofore to the churches of Westminster and Windso, ne the Towre of London, ne preiudicial to such temporall Lordes and possessioners in this Realme, as by auncient custome haue enioyed probate of Testamentes, of theyr tenauntes or other.

And forasmuch as after this reconciliation, and brittle of this noble Realme to the body of Chrystes church, it is to be trusted, that by the abundaunce of Gods mercy and grace, deuotion shall increase and growe in the hartes of many the subiectes of this Realme, with desyre to geue and bestowe theyr wordly possessions for the resuscitating of almes, prayer, & example of good life in this Realme, to the intent

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tent suche godly motions and purposes shoulde be aduanced:

Be it therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that it shalbe lawfull to such as shalbe seased of any manours, lands, tenementes, personages, tithes, pentiones, portions, or other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, in fee simple, in possession, reuersion, or remainder, in theyr owne ryghtes, not beyng copie holde, may thereof make feoffamentes, grauntes, or any other assurances, or by his last wyll and Testament in wytyng, may bequeath and geue in fee simple, all and euery the said manours, landes, tenementes, personages, tithes, pentiones, portions, or other hereditamentes, to any spiritual bodye politike or corporate, in this realme or dominions of the same, nowe erected or founded, or hereafter to be erected or founded, without any licence of mortmaine therein to be obteyned, or any wyte of ad quod damnum to be sued out for the same, the acts de terris ad manum mortuam non ponendis, or any other act or statute heretofore had or made, in any wise notwithstanding.

Sauing to the Lordes of the fee, all rentes seruices, due or goyng out of any of the sayd land or tenementes, or hereditamentes, so to be amortized, as is aforesayd.

Provided alway, that this clause of this acte, for geuynge the libertie of or for the amortysing of landes or tenementes, shall continue for and during the space of .xx. yeeres next and immediately folowing, and no longer.

And forasmuch as we your maiesties humble and obedient subjectes, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and commons in this present parliament assembled, neyther by the making or deliuering of eyther the supplications aforesayd, nor by any clause, article, or sentence thereof, or of any other clause, article, or sentence of this or any other Statute, or any of the preambles of the same, made, or agreed vpon in this session of this present parliament, by any manner of interpretation, construction, implication, or other wise, intend to derogate, impaire, or diminish any of the prerogatiues, liberties, franchises, preheminences, or iurisdiccions of your moste Excellent Imperiall of this realme, and other the dominions to the same belonyng, we do most humbly beseeche your maiesties, that it may be declared, and ordained: And be it enacted and declared by auctoritie of this present parliament, that neyther the making, exhibiting, or insertyng in this present statute, or in the preambles of the same, or the supplications or promise aforesayd, or eyther of them, nor any other thing or thinges, wordes, sentences, clauses, or articles in the preambles or bodie of the actes aforesayd, shalbe construed, vnderstanded, or expounded to derogate, diminish, or take away any the liberties, priuileges, prerogatiues, preheminences, auctorities, or iurisdiccions, or any part or parcel thereof, which were in your imperial crowne of this realme,

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or did belong to your sayde imperial crowne the twentie yeere of the
raigne of yours the Queenes maiesties most noble father, or anye o-
ther your most noble progenitours, before the said twentie yeere, and
the Popes holines, and See Apostolike, to be restored, and to haue
and enioye suche aucthoritie, preheminence, and iurisdiction, as his
holynes bled, and exercised, or myght lawfully haue bled and exerci-
sed by aucthoritie of his supremacie, the sayde twentie yeere of the
raigne of the kyng your father, within this your Realme of Eng-
lande & other your dominions, without diminution or enlargement
of the same, and none other: And the Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction of the
Archbishops, Bishops, and Ordinaries, to be in the same state,
for processe of suites, punishment of crimes, and execution of censures
of the church, with knowledge of causes belonging to the same, as
large in these poyntes, as the sayde iurisdiction was the sayde .xx.
yeere.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde,
that in and upon every such gyftes and devises, to be made to suche
spiritual corporations, or persons as is aforesayde, the donor, feoffer,
or donor thereof, may referue to hym, and to his heyres for ever, a te-
nure in frankalmoigne, or a tenure by divine service, and to haue all
remedies and actions, for and upon the sayd gyftes or devises, and te-
nures, in the same maner and fourme, as was used before the estatute of
Westminster thirde (commonly called) Quia emptoris terrarum: The
same estate or any other lawe or custome now being to the contra-
ry in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that all and every person
and persons, and bodies politike and corporate, which now haue, or
hereafter shal haue any estate of inheritance, freehold, terme, or in-
terest, of, in, or to any portion, pension, tithes, glebelandes, or other ec-
clesiasticall or spiritual profits, which by this acte, and letters of dispen-
sation rehearsed in the same, be permitted and suffered to remayne &
continue in lay mens possessions, shal and may haue like remedye
for the recoverie of the same, and every part thereof, as they and every
of them might haue had before the fyfte day of this present Parlia-
ment: any thing in this acte contrary to the contrary, in any wise
notwithstanding.

An Acte for the punishment of rayzenous wordes
agaynst the Queenes Maiestie.

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As much as now of late, diuers naughty, seditions, malicious, & heretical persons, not hauing the feare of god before their eyes, but in a deuillish sort contrary to the duty of their allegiance, haue congregated them selues together in conuenticles, in diuers and sundry prophane places within this cite of london, esteeming them selues to be in the true sayth, where in dede they are in errors & heresies, & out of the true trade of Christes catholike religion: & in the same places at several times, vsing their phantastical, and scismatical seruices, lately taken away, and abolished by aucthoritie of parliament, haue of their most malicious and cankered stomaches, prayed agaynst the Queenes maiestie, that God would turne her hart from idolatrie to the true sayth, or els to shorten her dayes, or take her quicklie out of the way: whiche prayer was neuer harde nor read to haue been vsed by any good Christian manne, agaynst any prince, though he were a pagan and infidell, and muche lesse agaynst anye Christian Prince, and especially so vertuous a prince, as our soueraigne Ladie that now is, is knowne to be, whose sayth is and alwayes hath ben mosse true and Catholique, and consonant and agreeing with Christes Catholique Church, throughout the worlde dispersed.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present parliament, that euery such person and persons, which since the begynnyng of this present parliament, haue by expresse wordes and sayinges, prayed, required, or desired as is aforesayde, or hereafter shal pray by expresse wordes or sayinges, that God would shorten her dayes, or take her out of the way, whose lyfe almyghtie God long preserue, or any such lyke malicious prayer, amountyng to the same effect, they: procurers and abettours therein, shalbe taken, reputed, and iudged traytours: and euery suche praying, requiring, or desyring, shalbe iudged, taken, and reputed hygh treason, and the offenders therein, they: procurers and abettours, being thereof lawfully conuicted accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shal haue, suffer, and forseyte, as in cases of high treason.

Provided alway, and be it enacted, that yf any person or persons shalbe indicted of anye the offences aforesayde, done and perpetrated during this session of this present parliament, and vpon his or they: arraignment, shal shewe hym or them selues penitent for they: offence, and submit hym or them selues to the kyng and queenes mercy, and humbly desire the same, before such iustices, or commissioners, before whom he or they shalbe arraigned: that then no iudgement, or conuiction, or attaynder of treason shalbe geuen agaynst anye suche person or persons, so beyng penitent, and submittyng them selues as is aforesayd. And in euery such case, the Justices, or commissioners

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before whom such person or persons shalbe arraigned, shal haue auctoritie by vertue of this act, to prescribe, adiudge, and appoynte such corporal punishment, other then death, to suche offender & offenders, as to them by their discretion shal seeme conuenient, and vpon that penance prescribed and done, to be discharged of the sayde treason, compassed in that inditement.

An Acte whereby certayne offences be made treason, and also for the gouernment of the Kynges and Queenes Maiesties.

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As much as the great mercie and clemencie heretofore declared by the Queenes highnes, in releasing the penall lawes made by her progenitors, hath geuen occasion to many canhard and traiterous hearts, to imagin, practise, & attempt things, stirring the people to disobedience, and rebellion against her highnes common policie, and duetie of subiectes, require that some lawe be eftsoons established, to restrayne the malice of suche wyched and cruell doers, whereby they may be prohibited to blowe abroade suche shameful slanders and lyes, as they dayly inuent & imagine of her highnes, and the kynges maiestie her most lawfull husband, which when they be heard, can not be but odible, and detested of al good men, considering they touche their Maiesties, vpon whom dependeth the whole vnitie, and vniuersall wealth of this realme.

In consideration wherof, be it ordayned and enacted by the kyng and the queenes maiesties, with thassent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons after the first day of february next to come, during the marriage betwene the king & the queenes maiesties, do compassie or imagine to deprive the kings maiestie that now is, from the hauing and enioying ioyntly togeather with the queenes highnes, the stile, honour, and kinglye name of the realmes and dominions vnto our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes apperteyning, or to destroy the king that now is, during the sayde matrimonie, or to destroy the Queenes maiestie that now is, or the heyres of her body begotten, beyng kynges or Queenes of this Realme, or to leue warre within this Realme of Englands, or within any of the marches of the same, agaynst the kynges maiestie that now is, during the saide marriage, or agaynst the queenes maiestie that now is, or any of her sayde heyres, beyng kynges or queenes of this Realme, or to depose the Queenes maiestie that

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that now is, or the heyres of her body begotten, beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, from the Imperial crowne of the Realme and dominions abovesaid. And the same copasses, or imaginations, or any of them, maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, shal, or do better by open preaching, expresse woordes, or sayinges, or yf any person or persons after the sayd fyrst day of february, by preaching, expresse woordes or sayinges, shal maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, say, publish, declare, maynteyne, or hold opinion, that the kynges Maiestie that now is, during the said matrimonie, ought not to haue or enioy to yntly together with the queenes Maiestie, the style, honour, and kingly name of this realme, or that any person or persons, beyng neither the kyng or the queenes Maiesties that now are, during the sayd matrimonie betweene them, ought to haue or enioy the style, honour, and kingly name of this realme, or that the queenes Maiestie that now is, during her lyfe, is not, or of ryght ought not to be queene of this realme, or after her death, that the heyres of her highnes body beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, of ryght ought not to be kynges or queenes of this realme, or to haue and enioy the same: or that any person or persons, other then the queenes Maiestie that now is, during her life, ought to be queene of this realme, or after her death other then the heyres of her body being kynges or queenes of this realme, as long as any of her said heyres of her body begotten shalbe in life, of ryght ought to haue and enioy the imperial crowne of this realme: That then every suche offendour, being thereof duely convicted or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, theyr abettours, procurers, and counsellours, and all, and every theyr comfortours, knowyng the sayde offences, or any of them to be done, and beyng thereof convicted or attaynted, as is aforesayde, for his or theyr suche offence, shal forfeite and lose to the queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, al his and theyr goodes and cattels, and the whole issues and profites of his or theyr landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, for terme of the lyfe of every suche offendour or offendours, and also shal haue, and suffer, during his or their liues, perpetual imprisonment.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that al and every ecclesiastical person, beyng convicted or attaynted in forme aforesayd, for every such his offence, shalbe deprived by the ordinarie from his promotion spiritual or ecclesiastical, in suche lyke maner & forme, that it shalbe lawful for every patron, founder, or reuer thereof, to present, after suche deprivation had, some one other to the same, as though the sayde offendour or offendours were deceased. And yf any person or persons being hereafter convicted, or attainted of any of the sayd offences, in forme aforesayd committed, shal after his or theyr conviction or attainder, estones commit, or perpe-

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trate any of the sayd offences, in fourme aforesayd : that then euerye
suche seconde offence or offences, shalbe deemed, and adiudged hygh
treason, and the offendour or offendours therein, theyr abettours, pro-
curers, and counsellors, and al and euery theyr aydours and comfort-
ers, knowyng the said offences, or any of them to be done, being ther-
of convicted or attainted, according to the lawes and statutes of this
realme, shalbe iudged and deemed hygh traytors, & shal suffer paines
of death, and lose and forseyt al theyr goods and cattels, landes and
tenementes, to the queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, as
in cases of hygh treason by the lawes of this realme at this daye of
ryght ought to be lost and forseyted.

And be it further enacted by the said auctoritie, that if any person
or persons at any time after the sayd first day of february next to come,
duryng the sayd mariage, compassse or imagine the death of the kyn-
ges maiestie that nowe is, and the same maliciously, aduisedly, and di-
rectly shal vtter and attempt by any wytyng, printing, ouert deede
or acte : or yf any person or persons at any time after the sayd first day
of february next commyng, shal maliciously, aduisedly, and directly,
by wytyng, printing, ouert deed or act, affirme that the kings Maie-
stie that nowe is, duryng the sayd matrimonie, ought not to haue or
enioy soynly togethers with the queenes highnes, the style, honour,
and kingly name of this realme: or that any person or persons, being
neyther the kyng or the queenes maiestie that nowe is, during the
said matrimonie betweene them, ought to haue & eniope the style, ho-
nour, and kingly name of this realme : or yf any person or persons
after the sayd day by any wytyng, printing, ouert deede or acte, ma-
liciously, aduisedly, and directly affirme, that the queenes Maiestie
that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, is not, or ought not to be queene of this
realme: or after her death, that the heires of her highnes body beyng
kynge or queenes of this realme, of ryght ought not to haue and en-
ioy the imperial crowne of this realme : or that any person or per-
sons other then the queenes maiestie that nowe is, duryng her lyfe,
or after her death, other then the heyres of her body begotten, beyng
kynge or queenes of this realme, as long as any of her sayde heyres
of her body shalbe in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue and eniope the im-
perial crowne of this realme: That then euery such offence, and offen-
ces, shalbe adiudged hygh treason, and the offender & offenders therein,
theyr abettors, procurers, and counsellors, and all and euery theyr
ayders and comforters, knowyng the sayde offences, or any of them
to be done, beyng therof convicted or attaynted by the lawes and sta-
tutes of this realme, shalbe deemed and adiudged hygh traytors, and
shal suffer paynes of death, and lose and forseyte al theyr goodes and
cattels, landes, and tenementes, to the queenes Maiestie, her heyres
and successours, as in cases of hygh treason, as is abouesayde.

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And albeit, we the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, haue firme hope & confidence in the goodnes of almightie God, that lyke as he hath hitherto miraculously preserved the queenes maiestie from many great and imminent perils and daungers, euen so he wil of his infinit goodnes geue her highnes strength, the rather by our continual prayers, to passe wel the daunger of deliuerance of chyled, where with it hath pleased hym (to all our great comfortes) to blesse her. Yet for as muche as al thynges of this worlde be vncertayne, and hauyng before our eyes the dolorous experience of the inconstant government during the tyme of the raigne of the late kyng Edward the fyrte, do plainly see the manifolde incontinencies, great daungers and perils that may issue to this whole realme, yf foresight be not bled to preuent euyl chaunces, yf they should happen. For the escheuyng whereof, we the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, for & in consideration of a most special trust and confidence that we haue & repose in the kinges maiestie, for and concerning the good and politike government, order, and administration of this realme, in the tyme of the yowng yeeres of the issue or issues of her maiesties body to be borne, if it should please God to call the queenes highnes out of this present lyfe, during the tender yeeres of such issue or issues (whiche God forbyd) accordyng to such order and maner as hereafter in this present acte, his highnes most gracions pleasure is, should be declared and set forth: haue made our most humble suite by thassent of the queenes highnes, that his maiestie woulde vouchsafe to accept and take vpon hym the rule, order, education, and gouernment of the sayde issue or issues to be borne as is aforesayd, vpon which our suite beting of his said maiestie most gracionly accepted, it hath pleased his highnes not onely to declare, that lyke as for the fyrst part his maiestie verily trusteth, that almyghtie God, who hath hitherto preserved the queenes maiestie, to geue this realme so good an hope of certayne succession in the blood royal of ysame realme: wil assist her highnes with his graces & benedictions to see the fruite of her body wel brought forth, liue and able to gouerne, wherof neyther al this realme, ne al the worlde besydes, should or could receaue more comfort, then his maiestie should & woulde. Yet if such chaunce should happen, his maiestie at our humble desires, is pleased and contented, not alonly to accept and take vpon hym the care and charge of the education, rule, order, and gouernment of such issues, as of this most happy marriage shalbe borne betweene the queenes highnes and hym: but also during the tyme of such gouernment, would by al wayes and meanes study, trauaile, and employ him selfe to aduaunce the weale, both publike and priuate, of this realme, and dominions therunto belongyng, accordyng to the sayde truste in his maiestie

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maiestie reposed, with no lesse good wyll and affection, then yf his highnes had ben naturally borne among vs.

In consideration whereof, be it enacted by the kyng and the queenes most excellent maiesties, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that yf it shall so please God to call the queenes maiestie out of this present lyfe, whiche God forbyd, before the issue of her body inheritable to the crowne of this realme, yf it be male, shall accomplishe the age of. xiiii. yeeres, or if it be female, before it shalbe of the age of. xv. yeeres, and not married after the age of consent, and before the said age of. xv. yeeres: that then and immediately after, and from the deceasse of our sayde soueraigne Lady the queene, the kings maiestie that now is, shal haue the rule, order, education and gouernment of the person of such issue or issues, and the rule, order, & gouernment (vnder such issue or issues) of this realme, and the dominions of the same belongyng, vntyl the same issue or issues, inheritable to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, yf it be male, shal accomplishe the full age of eyghtene yeeres, and if it be female, vntylliche issue female shal accomplishe the age of fiftene yeeres, and be married after the age of consent, and before the said age of fiftene yeeres, yf the sayd issue or issues, and our sayde soueraigne Lord the kyng, shal so long lyue together, and that during and by al the tyme of suche gouernment, al and euery the actes, covenantes, articles, and agreementes, mentioned and comprised in the treaties and acte of parliament, and euery of them made, and concluded, for and concernyng the honorable marriage, had and consummate betweene the kyng and queenes Maiesties, whiche on the behalfe of his maiestie ben to be obserued, perfourmed and kept, shall after the deceasse of the queenes Maiestie, during the tyme of the sayd gouernment, remayne, continue, and be in as good and full force strength, and effect, to all intentes, and purposes, as they were at any tyme during the sayde marriage, or now been, as yf they were newly by apt wordes, termes, and sentences, incerted and rehearsed in this present acte, and newly made and enacted to stand, remayne, continue, and to be obserued and kept, during the tyme of the sayde gouernment, and shalbe by his Maiestie, during the sayde tyme, inuolably obserued, perfourmed, mainteyned, and byholden, in suche sorte, and in as full, large, and ample maner, to al respectes, as they shoulde and ought to be, during the tyme of the sayde marriage, or after: and his highnesse and the queenes most excellent Maiestie, are pleased and contented, that it be enacted by this present parliament, that nothyng shalbe done, permitted, or assented vnto by his maiestie to the contrary.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person

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person or persons, directing therein that our sayde Sovereigne lord the King that now is, and his quene his heire the order, or the education, and government of such like or offices, being King or Queene of this realme, according to the order and provision aforesayde, maliciously, advisedly, and directly, by writing, printing, or otherwise, do compass, attempt, and goe about to destroy the person or persons, or to deprive or remove his sayde King from the order, rule, education, and government of the same, or of any of them, being King or Queene of this realme, contrary to the intent, and true meaning of this present Act: that then every such person or persons so offending, they, their procurers, and abettors, being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted by judges of this realme, shall be deemed and adjudged high Traytors: and that at and every such offence and offences, shall be deemed and adjudged high treason. And the offender and offenders therein, their procurers, counsellors, and abettors, shall incur the dangers, forfeitures, and penalties of high treason.

And be it further enacted by authority aforesayde, that all treasuries hereafter to be had, awarded, or made, for any treason, shall be had, and tried onely, according to the due order and course of the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwise: Saving to every person and persons, bodies politicke and corporate, their heires and successours, other then the offenders, and their heires and such person and persons as claime to any of their lands, such rights, titles, interestes, possessions, leases, rents, reversiones, offices, and other profits, whiche they or any of them shall have at the day of the committing such treason, or at any tyme aforesaid, in as large and ample manner, as if this acte had never ben had or made. And it is further enacted by authority aforesayde, that conceytement, or keeping secret of any high treason, be deemed and taken onely misprision of treason, & the offenders therein to forfeit, and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore ben used: any thyng above mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that if it shall fortune hereafter any of the peeres of this realme to be indicted of any of the offences made treason or misprision of treason, by this acte, that then the same peeres or peere, so being indicted, shall be put to answer unto every such indictment, before the high Steward of Englande for the tyme being, and to have his and their tryall by his and their peeres, and to receyve and have such lyke judgement upon the same tryal of his or their peeres or making open confession of the same offence or offences, as is used in other cases of high treason.

And it is further enacted by authority aforesayde, that no person

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son or persons that in any wyse be impeached for any of the offences abovesayd, committed only by open preaching or wordes, whiche the offender or offenders be therefore indicted within sixe monethes next after the same open preaching or wordes: any thing contained in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that upon the arraignment of any person, whiche hereafter shall fortune to be arraigned for any treason mentioned in this acte, all and every such person or persons, or two of them at the least, as shall hereafter wyte, declare, confesse, or depose any thing or thinges agaynst the person to be arraigned, shal, yf they be then living, & within the realme, be brought forth in person before the partie arraigned, yf he require the same, and obiecte, and say openly, in his hearyng, what they or any of them can agaynst him, for, or concerning any the treasons conteyned in the indictment whereupon the partie shalbe so arraigned, whiche the partie arraigned for anye suche treason, shall willingly confesse the same at the tyme of his or their arraignment.

Provided neuertheles, and be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that in al cases of high treason, concerning coyne curraunt within this realme, or for counterfeyting the king or queenes signet, private seal, great seal, or signe manuell, such manner of tryal, and none other, be observed and kept as heretofore hath been used by the common lawes of this realme: any lawe, statute, or anye other thing or thinges to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that the counsellours, procurers, comforters, and abettours, for his or their first offence, shal suffer like punishment, penaltie, and forfeiture, as is contained in this acte agaynst the principall offendours for their first offence, and none other. And that the counsellours, procurers, comforters, and abettours, for his or their seconde offence, shal susteyne like punishment, penaltie, & forfeiture, as is contained in this acte agaynst the principall offendour, or offendours for their second offence, and none other.

An Acte for the punishment of bringyng in of counterfeyte coyne of forraigne Realmes, beyng curraunt within this Realme.

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Here divers and sundry copies of golde and silver of other realmes, not being of the proper coine of this realme of England, and yet by the sufferance & consent of the kyng and queene our soueraigne Lorde and lady, be curraunt in payment within this realme: many yll disposed persons for theyr owne corrupte lucre

lucre and aduantage, haue nowe of late brought into this realme, from the parties of beyonde the Sea, great quantitie of forged and counterfeyte money, lyke to the sayd coyne of other forreyn realmes, and haue vttered the same here by merchaundising and otherwyle, to diuers of the subiectes of this realme, to their great disceyt, hurt, and damage, because the sayde yll disposed persons haue perceaued and vnderstanded that there was not, nor yet is, any sufficient lawe or statute made or provided for the condigne punishment of the offendours in that behalfe.

Wherefore be it enacted and established by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that yf any person or persons, after the twentieth day of Januarie next comming, shal bring from the parties of beyonde the sea into this realme, or into any the dominions of the same, any suche false and counterfayte coyne of money, beyng curraunt within this realme, as is aforesayde, knowyng the same coyne or money to be false and counterfayte, to the intent to vtter or make payment with the same within this realme, or any the dominions of the same, by merchaundising, or otherwile, that al and euery such person or persons, so offendyng as is aforesayde, theyr counsaillours, procurers, aydoours, and abettours in that behalfe, shalbe deemed and iudged to be offendours in high treason, and shal suffer, after lawefull conuiction or attaynder therof, such paynes of death, losse and forfeiture of landes, goodes, and cattelles, as other offendours shall do in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, that shal at any tyme after the sayde xx. day of Januarie be accused or impeached of any of the offences conteined and provided for in this statute, or of any other offence or offences, concernyng the impayring, counterfayting, or forging of anye coynecurraunt within this realme, shal and may be endicted, arraigned, convicted, or attayned, by such lyke euidence, and in such maner and forme as hath ben vsed & accustomed within this realme, at any tyme before the first yeere of the raigne of our late soveraigne lord king Edward the fyrst: any statute, custome, lawe, or vsage to the contrary thereof, in any wyle notwithstanding.

An Acte for the impounding of distresses.

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Or the auoyding of greuous vexacions, exactions, troubles, and disorder in takyng of distresses, and impounding of cattel, be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that from and after the fyrst day of Apryl next commyng, no distresse of cattell shalbe dy-

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uen out of the hundred, rape, wapentake, or lath, where suche distres-
ses is or shalbe taken, except it be to a pounce ouert within the sayde
Shyre, not aboue thre miles distaunt from the place where the sayd
distresse is taken, and that no cattell, or other goodes distrayned, or
taken by way of distresse, for any maner of cause, at one tyme shall
be impounded in seuerall places, wherby the owner or owners of such
distresse shalbe constrained to sue seuerall repleuys for the deliuerie of
the sayd distresse, so taken at one time, vpon paine euery person offen-
dyng contrary to this acte, shal forfeite to the partie greued for eue-
rye suche offences, a hundred shyllinges, and treble damages.

And further be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that after the
sayde fyyst day of Apryll, no person or persons shal take for keepyng in
pound, impoundyng, or pondage of any maner distresse, aboue the
summe of.iiii. pence for any one whole distresse, that shalbe so impou-
ded, and where lesse hath ben vsed, there to take lesse, vpon the paine
of fyue pound to be payd to the partie greued, ouer and besides suche
money as he shal take aboue the summe of foure pence: any vsage or
prescription to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And for the more speedier deliuerie of Cattell taken by way of di-
stresse, it is further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that euery Sher-
riffe of shyres, beyng no Cities nor townes made shyres, shall at his
fyyst countie day, or within two monethes next after he hath recei-
ued his patent of his office of sherrifthe, shal depute, appoynt, a pro-
clayne in the shyre towne within his bailiwyke, foure deputies at
the least, dwellyng not aboue twelue miles one distaunt from another,
whiche sayde deputies so appoynted and proclaymed, shal haue auc-
thoritie in the sherriffes name to make repleuys and deliuerance of
such distresses, in such maner and forme as the sherriffe may or ought
to do, vpon payne that euery Sherriffe, for euery moneth that he shall
lacke such deputie or deputies, shal forfeite for euerye suche offence
fyue poundes, the one halfe of which forfeitures shalbe to the kyng
and queenes highnesse, her heires, and successours, the other halfe to
hym that wyl sue for the same by byl, playnt, information, or action
of debt, in any the kyng and queenes courtes of record, in whiche no
essoigne, protection, nor waiger of law shalbe admitted.

An Acte appoynting an order to Iustices of peace touchyng
the baylment of prisoners.

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Here in the parliament holden at Westmynster in the third
 yere of the raigne of the noble prince king Henry the se-
 uenth, it was among other thynges ordeyned and enacted,
 that no prisoner arrested for felonie, should be letten
 to bayle or maynepyse by any one Justice of peace, but by
 the whole Justices, or at least by two of them, wherof one to be of the
 Quorum: since the making of which estatute, one Justice of peace in
 the name of him selfe, and one other of the Justices his compaignion,
 not makynge the sayd Justice partie, nor priue vnto the cause where-
 fore the prisoner should be bayled, hath oftentimes by sinister labour
 and meanes, set at large the greatest and notablest offenders, such as
 be not repleuisable by the lawes of this Realme, and yet the rather
 to hyde theyr affections in that behalfe, haue signified the cause of
 theyr apprehension to be but only for suspicion of felonie, wherby the
 sayd offenders haue escaped unpunished, and doo dayly, to the hygh
 displeasure of almighty God, the great peryll of the King & Queenes
 true Subiectes, and encouragement of all Theeves and euyl dooers.
 For reformation wherof, be it ordeined and enacted by the King and
 Queenes maiesties, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the com-
 mons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the
 same, that from and after the fyrst day of Apryll next commynge, no
 Justice or Justices of peace, shall let to bayle or maynepyse any suche
 person or persons, which for any offence or offences by them or any of
 them, committed, be declared not to be repleuished or bayled, or be
 forbydden to be repleued or bayled by the estatute of Westmynster pri-
 mer, made in the Parliament holden in the third yere of the raigne
 of king Edward the fyrst. And furthermore, that any person or
 personnes arrested for manslaughter or felonie, or suspicion of
 manslaughter or felonie, beyng bayleable by the lawe, shall not after
 the sayde fyrst day of Apryll be let to bayle or maynepyse by any Ju-
 stices of peace, yf it be not in open Sessions, except it be by two Justi-
 ces of peace at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, & the same
 Justices to be present togeather at the tyme of the sayde baylment or
 maynepyse, which baylment or maynepyse they shall certifie in wri-
 tyng, subscribed or signed with their owne handes, at the next gene-
 rall Gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the Countie where the sayd
 person or persons shall be arrested or suspected: And that the said Just-
 ces, or one of them, being of the Quorum, when any suche prisoner is
 brought before them, for any manslaughter or felonie, before any bail-
 ment or maynepyse, shall take the examination of the sayd prisoner,
 and information of them that byrnyng hym, of the facts and circum-
 stances thereof, and the same, or as much thereof as shall be materi-
 all to prooue the felonie, shall put in writings, before they make the
 same baylment, which sayd examination, togeather with the sayd
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baylement, the sayd Justices shall certifie at the next general Gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the limittes of their commission, and that euery Coroner, bpon any inquisition before him found, wherby any person or persons shalbe indicted for murder, or manslaughter, or as accessarie, or accessaries to the same, before the murder or manslaughter committed, shall put in wryting the effect of the euidence geuen to the Iurie before him, being materiall: and as well the sayd Justices as the sayd Coroner, shall haue aucthoritie by this Acte, to bynd al such by recognisance, or obligation, as do declare any thyng materiall, to proue the sayd murder or manslaughter, offences, or felonies, or to be accessarie, or accessaries to the same, as is aforesayd, to appeare at the next generall Gaole deliuerie to be holden within the countie, citie, or towne corporate, where the tryall thereof shalbe, then and there to geue euidence against the partie so indicted at the time of his tryall, and shal certifie as well the same euidence, as suche bonde and bondes in wryting, as he shal take, together with the inquisition or indictment before him taken and found, at, or before the time of his sayd tryal thereof to be had or made: And lyke wyse the sayde Justices shal certifie all and euery such bonde taken before them, in lyke manner as before is sayde of baylementes & examination. And in case any Justice of peace, of Quorum, or Coroner, shall after the sayd fyrst day of April, clyend in any thing contrary to the true intent and meaning of this present Acte: that then the Justices of Gaole deliuerie of the Shyre, Citie, towne, or place where such offence shall happen to be committed, bpon due prooffe thereof by examination before them, shal for euery suche offence, set suche fine on euery of the same Justices of peace & Coroner, as the same Justices of Gaole deliuerie shall thinke meete, and estreate the same, as other fines and amerciamentes assessed before Justices of Gaole deliuerie ought to be.

It is enacted alwayes, & be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that Justices of peace, and Coroners within the Citie of London, and the Countie of Middlesex, and in other Cities, Borowghes, and Townes corporate within this Realme and Wales, shall within theyr seuerall iurisdiccions, haue aucthoritie to let to bayle fellows and prisoners, in such maner and fourme as they haue ben heretofore accustomed: this acte, or any thing therein contayned to the contrary, notwithstanding. And also shall take examinations and bondes, as is aforesayde, bpon euery baylement by them, or any of them to be made, and shall certifie euery such baylementes, bondes, and examinations, by them, or any of them taken or made, at the next Gaole deliuerie to be holden within the Shyre, Citie, Borowgh, or Towne, where theyr seuerall iurisdiccions extendeth, bpon lyke paine and forfeiture as is before limited in this present acte.

And be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no writers
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of Habeas corpus, or Certiorari, shalbe hereafter graunted, to remoue any prisoner out of any Gaole, to remoue any Recognisance, except the same writtes be signed with the proper handes of the cheefe Justice, or in his absence, one of the Justices of the Court out of which the same writtes shalbe awarded or made, vpon payne that he that wytteth any such wyttres, not being signed as is aforesayd, to forfait to our sayd soueraigne Lord the King and the Queene, for every such writte and wyttres, fyue poundes.

An Acte for the making of Russels Sattens reuerles, and Rustian of Naples, in Norwiche.

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Here of late yeres passed, Russels, called Russels Sattens, and Sattens reuerles, haue been practised to be made beyond the seas, of the woods bred in the county of Norfolk, & by reason thereof, to great quantitie of the said russels Sattens, Sattens reuerles, haue been brought into this Realme, sold and worne as wel in every part of this Realme, as in the parties beyonde the seas, that thereby the mysteries of woodes making and weauing, whereby Merchantes and inhabitants of the Citie of Norwich haue heretofore been well mayntayned and relieved, is now at this present almost wholly decayed and brought out of estimation, and very lytle worne, either within this Realme, or in any other foraine Realmes, to the great hinderaunce and decay of the sayde Citie, and Citizens of the same Citie. For remedie whereof, Thomas Warham, Mayor of the Citie of Norwich, John Corbet Esquire, Ruffen Steward, Robert Leche, Robert Rugg, John Ball, and Alexander Wather, Aldermen of the sayde Citie, Thomas Whale, Thomas Peche, Raphe Warham, Robert Henry, John Sutton, Richard Comlon, Citizens and Merchantes of the sayde Citie, at theyr great costes and charges, as wel in bringing of certaine strangers from the partes beyonde the seas into the sayd Citie, as also in making of Lombes, and all other provision for the same, and also haue called vnto them eight persons of the most discreete and worthy men of the mysterie of woodes weauing, within the sayd Citie, that is to say, John Cooke, James Lin, John Crosse, Simon Pettit, John Warhall, Roger Leche, Edmund Baher, and Edmund Selers, beyng the number of. xxi. persons, which haue not onely made Russels Sattens, and Sattens Reuerles, and Rustian of Naples within the sayd citie of Norwich, of Norfolk woods, but also haue learned & taught other Citizens and inhabitants of the sayd Citie to make the same, in such good & perfecte

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fect maner, that much better Russels Sattens, Sattens Reuerles, and Iustian of Naples, and such lyke, and for easynesse, be now at this present wrought and made within the said cite, as heretofore hath been, or now be made in any of the parties beyond the seas, whereby the said cite, and inhabitants thereof, might do and have a gayne to be relieved and brought to the old estate, for the better and unauancement of the commodities of this Realme, and enriching the same, yf some good and politike lawes and ordinances were made for the good continuance of the true making of the sayde Russels Sattens, Sattens Reuerles, and Iustian of Naples, and such lyke.

In consideration whereof, be enacted by the assent of the King and Queenes highnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, & by thauthoritie of the same, that the said Russels Sattens, & Sattens reuerles, & Iustian of Naples, hereafter to be made onely within the said cite, may from henceforth beare the name, & be called by the name of Norwich Sattens, and Norwich Iustians: and that the Mayor and the afore mentioned citizens of the same cite, which before this time hath been at the costes and charges of the bringing of the said strangers into the same cite, for the making of the said Russels Sattens, Sattens reuerles, & Iustian of Naples, and such the afore mentioned eight persons that they haue called vnto them, shalbe a fellowship of the selues, and shall yeerely the thyrde day of february, choose of theyr felowes foure wardens within the Guild hall of the said cite, or any other common and conuenient place in the same cite: and the same wardens so being chosen shall stande and be wardens of the same fellowship during one whole yeere next ensuing the said election, and that the same wardens, after the said election, shall come before the Mayor of the said cite for the time being, perely the Monday next after the said thyrde day of february, and before the said Mayor shalbe sworn diligently to biewe, searche, & see al the Russels Sattens, Sattens reuerles, and Iustian of Naples, then made, or that shalbe made within the said cite, during the said yeere. And such of the said Russels Sattens, Sattens reuerles, & Iustian of Naples, as shall appeare and be demed by them to be lawfully, truly, & workmanly wrought, shall seale with a seale of lead, bearyng the armes of the cite of Norwich, whereby it may be knowne to the merchant or buyer of them, that the same be allowed, and truly made.

And that also it may be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the said wardens and fellowship shalbe a body corporate, and to be named, and be enabled by this act, to sue, and be sued, and to geue, and to take by the name of wardens and fellowship of the myserie of Russels Sattens, Sattens reuerles, and Iustian of Norwich making within the said cite of Norwich. And of any defaulte at any tyme shalbe

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shalbe founde in any of the sayd Russels lattens, Sattens reuerles, & fustian of Norwich, or in any of them, by the sayd wardens, that the same default shalbe reformed, and the offendour or offendours therein to be punished accordyng to such rules and ordinaunces, as hereafter from time to time shalbe made with in the sayd citie, by the Maior of the sayd citie for the tyme beyng, and by the sayd foure wardens, and the felowshyp of the sayd occupation or mysterie, or the greatest number of the sayd felowshyppe, for, and concernyng the same, and that the same defaultes from tyme to tyme, as occasion shal serue, shal be enquired of, and tryed, for the Maior of the sayde Citie of Norwiche for the tyme beyng, by the othes of twelue honest men of the foresayde felowshyppe. And that the sayde foure wardens so chosen and sworn, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to doo, execute, present, and reforme all and singular thyng and thynges, of, for, and concernyng the sayde mysterie, makynge, woorkyng and occupying of the sayd Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, & fustian of Norwich with in the sayd citie, in suche maner and fourme as in or by the sayd ordinaunces shalbe expressed and declared, and that all tymes hereafter, and from time to time, it shalbe lawfull to the Maior of the sayd citie for the tyme beyng, and to the forenamed felowshyppe and wardens of the same mysterie, and the more part of them, & to their successours, to make & ordeyne from tyme to tyme, rules, lawes, and ordinaunces, meete and necessary for the good order and gouernaunces of the sayd mysterie, and for the true & well makynge of the sayd Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwich, and the same ordinaunces so made, to be at al tymes obeyed by al thynhabitauntes of the sayd citie, or suburbes of the same, and to be put in due execution by the said Maior and wardens, and their successours for the time being, in such maner and fourme as by the sayd ordinance shalbe ordeyned and declared. And that such as now be, & that hereafter shalbe makers of the said Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, & fustian of Norwich, & euery of them, within the sayd citie, shall not from henceforth occupy & sayd mysterie & making of the said Russels lattens, Sattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwich, nor any of them, within the sayd citie, by them selues, or by any other, before he or they, occupying the sayd mysterie within the sayd citie, be made free of the sayd citie, and admitted to be of the sayd felowshyp by the Maior of the sayd citie, and wardens and felowshyppe of the sayd mysterie for the tyme beyng. And that no person do occupie by hym selfe, or any other for hym out of the sayde citie, the sayd mysterie of making of Russels lattens, Sattens reuerles, and fustians of Naples, or any of them, before he or they so occupying the same, haue been prentice to the sayd mysterie by the terme of seuen yeeres, or els admitted by the sayde Maior and felowshyppe, or the more parte of them, vppon payne of forfaiture of the same

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russels lattens, lattens reuerles, fustian of Norwiche, by them, or any of them to be made contrary to the fourme of this Acte. Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd Maior and Wardens for the time being, shall not take any summe of money, or reward to their owne proper vses, for the admitting of any person or persons to occupy the said myserie, vpon paine of forfaiture of treble the value of the rewarde or summe of money so by them or any of them to be taken.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lawfull to the sayde Wardens, and to euery of them for the time being, by al wayes & meanes, and at al lawfull tymes, diligently from tyme to tyme, to make search by due ordinary wayes, for al maner of the sayd russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche, that shal happen to be founde by them defective, for lacke of good and true workmanshpy. And that it shalbe lawfull to the sayd Wardens and euery of them for the tyme being, by vertue of this acte, to sease & take the sayd russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian, and bring & present the same clothes so seased and taken, to the Maior of the said citie for the time being, & vnto his successors, to thintent that twelue honest, lawfull, & expert men of the sayd myserie and felowshpy, being swozne before the sayd Maior, may by vertue of theyr othes, make enquiry, & present the manner of the sayd defaultes before the sayd Maior for the tyme being, according to such good and wholsome ordinances & rules as shalbe ordeined and made for the conseruation and good continuance of the sayde occupation and myserie, & the true making & working of the said russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche. And that all & euery person and persons, that shal occupy, vse, and exercise the said myserie of making of the sayd russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustians of Norwiche, or any of them, contrary to the fourme, tenor, playne meaning, and intent of this act, and of the rules & ordinances, that at any time hereafter by auctoritie of this acte shalbe ordeyned and made for the continuance of true and perfect making of the sayd russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche, shal forfaiture and lose for euery tyme so offending, or making any russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche, contrary to the meaning, tenor, and effecte of the sayde acte, rules, and ordinances concerning the same, suche fines, amerciamentes, & paynes, as shalbe adiudged, assessed, and affirmed by twelue expert men of the sayd felowshpy vpon theyr othes, the same twelue persons to be swozne before the saide Maior & Wardens to enquire and make true verdict, and presentment of such defaultes, the one halfe of which forfaiture to be to the Maior of the sayd citie for the tyme being, & his successors, & thother moitie to the sayd Wardens for the time being, & their successors, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any court of record, in which action, byll, plaint, or

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information, no wager of lawe, protection, inuent ion, or forren ple, shal be allowed. And in case it shal fortune hereafter, that any of þ said russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, shal lacke of such lengthes and bredthes, or of the true and ensu ing, making or sorting of the Varne, as shalbe appoynted & set forth by the sayd rules & ordinaunces, and the same to be found defectiue by verdict of twelue men of the said felowship, before the said Maior & Wardens, and their successors: That then the sayd russels lattens, lattens reuerles, & fustians of Naples, and euery of them so found defectiue, to be cut in two peeces, and to pay such fine or fines as shalbe offered and assented by the sayde twelue expert men by vertue of theyr othes, the one moitie of which fine or fines to be to the Maior of the sayd citie for the time being, and to his successors, and the other moitie to the Wardens of the sayd felowshyp for the tyme beyng, and to their successors.

Þrouded alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauthoritie afore sayd, that yf any Warden or Wardens for the time being, of the sayd myserie or occupation of making Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, shall at any tyme hereafter seale, or cause to be sealed, any russels lattens, lattens reuerles, or fustian of Naples, that shal not be wel, sufficient, and truly wrought and made according to the true intent and meaning of this present act, shal forfeite & lose for euery peece so sealed, being not well, sufficient, & truly wrought and made, the whole value of euery suche peece so sealed, the one halfe of which forfeitures, to be to the King & Queenes maiesties, her heires and successors, and the other moitie thereof to be to such person and persons as shal sue for the same, by byl, action, or information, in any of the kinges courtes of record: in which byl, action, or information, no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

¶ An Acte to confirme the liberties of the Lorde Marchers in Wales.

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Humbly beseeching your excellent maiesties, your true and faythfull subiectes, the Lordes Marchers both spirituall and temporal, within your highnesse dominion of Wales, that where as in the Parliament holden at Westmister, the. xxvii. yeere of the raigne of kyng Henry the eyght, farther vnto you our naturall soueraigne Lady, amongst other thynges one acte was made and established for lawes and iustice to be ministered in the sayde dominion of Wales, in lyke fourme as it is in this Realme of Englande, in the which act one article is, that for that the lords Marchers before the parliament, had bled to put theyr tenantes

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tes within the lordshippes Marchers vnder common mainepriece and suertie of apparaunce, & haue had the forsaitures thereof, which for euer from and after the feast of all saintes, then next ensuing the sayd parliament, should vtterly cease, and be determined. It was enacted that after the sayde feast of all saintes, euery lay and temporall person then being a lorde marcher, shoulde haue the moitie or halfe of euery forsaiture of al and euery common maynepriece, recognisaunce for the peace or apparaunce, forsaited by any of theyr tenautes inhabityng within any of theyr lordshippes marchers, and they to be payd the same moitie or halfe by the handes of the Sheriffe of euery of the countiees where such forsaiture shalbe, yf the Sheriffe can leuy the same, & the same Sheriffe to accompt to our sayd late soueraigne lorde the King for the other halfe or moitie, in suche ercheher as they can be accomptant. And further it was enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that all and euery lay and temporall person or persons, then being lordes marchers, and hauing any lordships marchers, or lordships royall, shoulde from and after the sayd feast of all saintes, haue all such mysles and profitess of theyr tenautes, as they haue had or bled to haue at the fyrst entry into theyr landes in times past: and also shoulde haue, hold, and keepe, within the pprecincte of theyr lordshippes, courtes Baron, courtes lete, and lawdayes, and al and euery thing to the said courtes belonging, and also shoulde haue within the pprecinct of their said lordships or lawday, waif, straif, insangthese, outsangthese, treasure trovie, deobandes, goodes and cattels of fellons, and of persons condemned or outlawed of felonie or murther, put in exigent for felonie or murther, and also weeke dee mer, warfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in time past, as though such priuileges, graunted vnto them by poynt of charter: any thyng in that acte to the contrary, notwithstanding, as in the sayde acte of Parliament moze at large it may appeare.

And forasmuch as Bishops, and other ecclesiastical persons, being lordes marchers, hauing the lyke lyberties, casualties, profitess, and commodities within theyr lordships marchers, and lordships royall, within the said dominion or principallitie of Wales, were not prouided by the expresse letter of the sayd statutes in lyke sorte as the lay & temporal lordes marchers were, but rather of purpose as it shoulde seeme forgotten and left out of the sayd act, against al reason & good equitie: And forasmuch also as the heyres and successours of the lay and temporal lordes marchers then being, were not prouided for by the limitation and expresse wordes of the sayd acte, as wel as theyr auncesters and predecessers were, as reason would they should haue ben.

It may please your Maiesties, of your most gracious fauour and benignitie, at the humble sute and supplication of your said faythful subiectes, the lordes marchers that now we are, in the sayd dominion of Wales,

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noales, both spirituall & temporall, to graunt that it may by the assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporal, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, be ordeyned, established, and enacted, by the authority of this present parliament, that as wel your sayd spirituall, & ecclesiasticall subiectes, Lordes marchers, now having lordshippes marchers, or lordshippes royal in the shales aforesayd, & their successours, and the successours of every of them: as also the heyres & successours of the lordes temporall marchers that then were, or now be, and the heyres & successours of every of them being, or which hereafter shall be lordes marchers within their lordshippes marchers, and lordshippes royal in the shales aforesayd, shall have and enjoy within, and to the heyres & successours, respectively & severally for ever, the moneys and halfe of every forsaite, of al and every common mine, pitte, or gossage, for the peace, or any other purpose, fortaite by any other demandes, or otherwise within any of their lordshippes marchers, or lordshippes royal, and they to be payde the same moneys or halfe, by the handes of the Sheriff of the Countie, or the tyme being, after such trowre and tax as the said lay or temporal lordes marchers have ben, or ought to have ben payde the same, by force of the sayd Statute.

And further, shall have al such aunes, & profittes of their tenants, as the lordes marchers, spirituall or temporal, respectively or severally had or used to have at theyr first entry into their landes: times past before the making of the sayd act or statute. And also shall have, hold, and keepe within the precinct of their sayd lordshippes, all such courtes, baron, courtes etc, and lawdayes, and al & every thing and thynges to the same courtes belonging, and also shall have within the precinct of theyr sayd several lordshippes, or lawdayes, all such wayf, tresp, trespasses, outfangthes, treasure troves, deodands, goods, and catels, of felons, and of persons condemned, or outlawed of felonie or murther, put in exigent for felonie or murther. Also all such wrecche de mere, warlage, and customes of strangers, as the lordes marchers spirituall and temporal, respectively, and severally had and used in tymes past, before the making of the sayd Statute.

An Acte for the continuance of certaine Statutes.

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Here in the Parliament begun & holden at London the first day of November in the. xvi. yere of the raigne of our most dread soueraigne lord of most famous memory King Henry the eighth, & from thence adourned to the said and there holden & continued by divers prorogations, unto the dissolutions thereof, one acte was made and established for the restraint of cariage, and conveying of Horses and Mares out of this Realme, and also one acte was there made for the true wyndyng of

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woods, and one other act was there made to reſtraine killing of wain-
lings, bullocks, ſtieres, & heifers, being vnder ſ age of .ii. yerres, which
ſaid ſeuerall actes were then made to endure and continue to the next
parliament, as by the ſaid ſeuerall actes more plainly appeareth: and
where alſo in the ſaid parliament, one other act was made & eſtabliſhed
for attaintes to be ſued for the puniſhment of perjurie, vpon untrue
verdictes, which actes laſt before reheerſed, were then made & ordeyned
to continue and endure to the laſt day of the next parliament, as by
the ſame acte more plainly at large is ſhewed and may appeare: and
where alſo in the parliament begun and holden at Weſt. the. viii. day
of June in the. xxviii. yere of the raigne of our ſaid moſt dread ſou-
eraigne lord king Henry the. viii. and there continued and kept vntill
the diſſolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that al and ſingul-
ler the ſaid actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, ſhoulde conti-
nue and endure in theyr force and ſtrength, and alſo be obſerued and
kept, vntill the laſt day of the next parliament, as by the ſame acte
amonges other things therein contained more plainly appeareth: and
where alſo in the parliament begun and holden at Weſt. the. xxviii.
day of Apryl, in the. xxxi. yere of the raigne of our ſaid late moſt dread
ſoueraigne lord king Henry the. eighth, and there continued vntill the
xxviii. day of June then next folowynge, it was ordeyned and enacted
by the auctoritie of the ſame parliament, that al and ſinguler the ſaid
ſeuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all claſſes,
articles, and prouiſions in them and euery of them contained, ſhoulde
continue and endure in theyr force and ſtrength, and alſo be obſerued
and kept, vntill the laſt day of the next parliament, as by the ſame act
amonges other things therein contained, more plainly appeareth.
And where in the parliament holden at Weſtm. in the. xxxv. yere of
the raigne of our ſaid late ſoueraigne lord king Henry the. eighth, one
act was made for the preſeruacion of woodes, to endure for. vii. yerres
then next folowynge, and from thence to the end of the next parliament,
as by the ſame act more plainly doth & may appeare. And where al-
ſo at the parliament holden at Weſt. in the. xxxvii. yere of the raigne
of the ſaid king Henry the. eighth, and there continued and kept vntill
the diſſolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that al & ſinguler
the ſaid actes aboue mentioned, and euery of them, except the ſaid act
made for the preſeruacion of wooddes, as is aforeſayd, ſhoulde conti-
nue and endure in theyr force & ſtrength, and alſo to be obſerued and
kept vntill the laſt day of the next parliament then folowynge, as by
the ſame act amonges other things therein contained more plainly ap-
peareth. And where alſo at ſ ſeſſion of the parliament ended at Weſt.
on the. xiiii. day of March, in the third yere of the raigne of our ſou-
eraigne lord king Edward the. ſixt, one acte was made of the true cur-
rying of leather, which act was made to endure to the end of the next
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Parliament, as by the same act more plainly appeareth. And where also at the session of a Parliament ended at Westmynster the first day of februarye, in the .iiii. yeeere of the raigne of our sayd late soueraigne lord king Edward the .vi. one act was then & there made, concerning the buying of Kotther beastes: and also one other acte was then and there made, touching the buying and selling of Butter and Cheese, which sayd seuerall actes were then & there made to endure and continue to the ende of the next Parliament. as by the same seuerall actes more at large it doth and may appeare. And where also at the session of a Parliament by prorogation holden at Westmynster, the .xxiii. day of Januarie, in the .v. yeeere of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne lord, one other act was then and there made agaynst regratours and forstallers, to endure to the end of the next Parliament, which al and singular the sayde actes aboue mentioned, togeather with the sayde acte concerning the preservation of woodes, at a Parliament holden at Westmynster the fyfth day of March in the .vii. yeeere of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne lord king Edward the .vi. and there continued & dissolved the last day of the same moneth of March, and al clauses, articles, and prouisions in them & euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to stande in their force and strength vntyll the last day of the next Parliament: And where also at the session of a Parliament holden by prorogation at Westmynster, the .xxiiii. day of October, in the first yeeere of the raigne of our most gracious soueraigne lady the Queene, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, one acte was there made and established, agaynst vnlawfull and rebellious assemblies, to endure to the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same acte more playnely doth and may appeare: And where also at the same session of Parliament last before mentioned, al and singular the actes aboue mentioned, and before that time continued at sundry Parliaments, as is aforesayd, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them contained, were there reuiued and continued to stande in their force and strength vnto the last day of the next Parliament. For as much as all and singular the sayd seuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall for the common wealth of this Realme: Wherefore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the King and Queene our soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by chaucthoritie of the same, that all and singular the seuerall actes and estatutes aboue mentioned and rehearsed, & euery of them, and al clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them contained, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande and endure in their force and strength, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in all thynges, vntyl the last day of the next Parliament.

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Anno primo & secundo

¶ *An Acte touching Leases hereafter to be made*
by certayne Spirituall persons.

The. xviii. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament begun and holden at West-
minster the. viii. day of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the
raigne of our late kyng of famous memorie, kyng
Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntyl
the dissolution of the same Parliament, the. xviii. day
of June next folowynge, one acte entituled, An acte
for restitution of the fyrst frutes in the tyme of vacacion to the next
incumbent, was had and made, wherein are certayne clauses for Lea-
ses then made, and to be made by Spirituall and Ecclesiasticall per-
sons, to endure and be in force for terme of fyve yeres, if the incum-
bentes dyd resigne their sayd Spirituall promotions, or yf the same
shoulde otherwyle become boide by the onely acte of the same the in-
cumbentes, as by the same acte more at large may appeare. To the
intent the Parsons and Vicars, and other hauyng cure of soules,
may the better attende, and be the more biglant in their ministerie
and function: Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and by
the Queene our soueraigne Lady, with assentes of the Lordes spiri-
tuall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament
assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that as much of the
same acte as doth concerne the makynge good of the sayd Leases, ne
any clause, sentence, prouision, or article therein conteyned, shal ex-
tende, or be construed or adynged to extende to any Lease that shalbe
made by any Parson, Vicar, or any other hauyng any Spiritual pro-
motion, after the feast of the purification of our Lady next commynge.

¶ *Excusum Londini in Aedibus Iohannis*
Cawooddi, Typographi Regiae
Maiestatis.

Anno Dom. 1555.

